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FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, D. D., the oldest minister present.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*—Rev. Abel T. Stewart. *Elder*—John Delamater.

2. *From the South Classis of New-York.*—

3. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*—Rev. Aaron A. Marcellus, George J. Van Neste. *Elders*—

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*—Rev. James Bomeyn, Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D., and William J. R. Taylor. *Elders*—

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*—Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, D. D. *Elders*—

6. *From the South Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. Maurice W. Dwight, D. D., R. Ormiston Currie. *Elders*—Charles Lott, Adriance Van Brunt.

7. *From the North Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. William R. Gordon. *Elder*—John Fowler.

8. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*—Rev. John Van Liew. *Elder*—John Kline.

9. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. Cornelius C. Van Cleef. *Elders*—

10. *From the Classis of Passaic. Elders*—

11. *From the Classis of Illinois.*—Rev. N. D. Williamson.

12. *From the Classis of Hudson.*—Rev. John S. Himrod, John G. Johnson.* *Elder*—George P. Philip.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*—Rev. John A, Lansing, Philip Pelts,

D. D., William P. Davis,¶ Cornelius S. Mead.† *Elder*—Stephen H. Johnson.

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*—Rev. James V. Henry. *Elder*—Lewis J. Hasbrouck.

9. *From the Classis of Orange.*—Rev. Samuel W. Mills. *Elders*—

10. *From the Classis of Greene.* *Elder*—Elijah Blackmar.

11. *From the Classis of Michigan.*—

12. *From the Classis of Watervliet.*—Rev. John F. Schermerhorn, Oscar H. Gregory,§ William Pitcher. *Elders*—Clarkson F. Crosby, Martin Van Olinda, Charles Easton.§

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The President and Adsessor of the General Synod being absent, the Synod proceeded to elect persons to fill their places. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were chosen, viz. :—Jacob Van Vechten, *President;* and Rev. John C. F. Hoes, *Adsessor.* The Rev. William R. Gordon and Thomas C. Strong acted as *Clerks.*

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

The circular issued by the President calling an extra meeting of the General Synod was read, from which it appeared that he had convened the Synod on a constitutional application received by him for the following purposes, viz. :—

"To receive and act on the Report of the Committee appointed to call upon the Trustees of Rutgers College for a detailed account of the receipts and expenditures of the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds;

"Also, to receive and act upon the Report of the Committee to confer with a Committee of the said Board of Trustees, to reduce to form

¶ Succeeded on the evening of the *second* day of the session by his secundus, Rev. A. J. Swits.

† Succeeded on the *second* day of the session by his secundus, Rev. Henry A. Raymond.

* Took his seat on the *second day of the session.*

§ *Obtained leave of absence after the second* day of the session.

the present covenant relations existing between the General Synod and the said Board of Trustees;

"And to take measures for definitively settling all questions of difference between the Synod and the Trustees, in reference to the Synod's right and title to the College lot and edifice, and to certain funds claimed by them."

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Rev. G. H. Fisher, the President of Synod, stating that he would not be present at this session of the Synod, in consequence of affliction by the death of one of the members of his family.

A communication was received from Rev. J. M. Matthews, informing the Synod that in consequence of sickness, he would not be able to attend the present meeting.

ARTICLE XIII.

RUTGERS COLLEGE.

The Committee appointed to call upon the Trustees of Rutgers College for a detailed account and statement of the present investments of

The Committee convened accordingly, on the day before Commencement, at the College chapel, and informed President Hasbrouck that they were there, and prepared to attend to the business for which Synod had appointed them. On the following day at evening, after the Board of Trustees had finally adjourned, they received the following communication from them :—

COPY.

"The President laid before the Board the following resolutions from the General Synod :—

"'*Resolved*, That a special Committee, consisting of the Rev. J. F. Schermerhorn, Benj. C. Taylor, and R. Ormiston Currie, and the Elders, Daniel P. Ingraham and George Zabriskie, be appointed to call upon the Trustees of Rutgers College for a detailed account and statement of the present investments of the Van Benschoten Fund, and of the annual income and expenditures of the same; said account and statement to include the whole period of time during which the Trustees have held said fund in trust.

"'*Resolved*, That the Committee endeavor to obtain from the Trustees a similar account and statement in relation to the investments, income, and expenditures from the Knox Fund, and of any other funds in the hands of the Trustees, in which the General Synod is interested.'

"On motion, it was

"*Resolved*, That the Committee of the General Synod be informed, that a regular account of the receipts and the expenditures of the income arising from the Van Benschoten Fund is, and has been, since the fund came into the possession of the Trustees, regularly rendered to the Board of Corporation of the General Synod; that the account of the receipts and expenditures of the particular items of the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds is annually transmitted to said Board of Corporation, and published in their printed Minutes.

"That this account contains all the information that it is in the power of the Trustees to give to the Committee, and therefore they beg leave most respectfully to refer the Committee to the said printed account.

"A true extract from the Minutes of the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College. WARREN HARDENBERGH, *Secretary*.

"*New-Brunswick, July 25th*, 1849."

Whereupon,

1. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed, consisting of the Rev. Thomas M. Strong, B. C. Taylor, William R. Gordon, and the Elders, William C. Miller and Daniel P. Ingraham, to confer with the Trustees, and if possible, adjust amicably all unsettled business in reference to the funds in the hands of the Trustees claimed by the Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That the Elders, Peter A. Voorhees and Ralph Voorhees, and Rev. J. Addison Van Doren, be a standing Committee during the pleasure of the General Synod, to act as a joint Committee with a similar Committee of the Board of Trustees, to invest the Van Benschoten Fund, and to *do all things in* reference to said investments, required *by the donor from the Synod*, during the interim between the

Johnson, S. W. Mills, J. F. Schermerhorn, O. H. C
da, C. Easton.—31.

AYS.—A. T. Stewart, J. Delamater, W. Eltinge,
D. Currie, C. Lott, A. Van Brunt, J. S. Himrod, J
hans, E. Alliger, W. Bailey, J. Dubois, J. Murphy
F. Crosby.—16.

he Committee appointed to confer with a Committ
Trustees, to reduce to form the present covenant r
een the General Synod and the Board of Trustees,
he subject having been discussed at considerable len
esolution was *unanimously* adopted :—

hereas, the report of the Committee which has b
house, contains statements of facts which may req
ation, and comes to conclusions about which there
of opinion; and whereas, the Synod can come
n without conference and mutual understanding w
ustees; therefore,
solved, That a Committee be appointed to whom t
eferred as a document for their consideration, and
find the facts set forth therein to be correct, as th
n; and that the said Committee be authorized to
d of Trustees, obtain their views of the present st
and the terms on which they wish to adjust said
t to the next stated session of the General Synod.
solved, That the Committee appointed to confer w
ustees on the subject of the Van Benschoten Fund
e contemplated in the above resolution.

to pay all such incidental expenses of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary as may be ordered by said Board.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents be paid a salary of ten dollars per annum, from July, 1848.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ACCOUNTS.

A bill amounting to $2 25 for printing circulars for convening the Synod was presented and ordered to be paid.

The doorkeeper's bill, amounting to $6 64, was presented, and ordered to be paid.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of General Synod be authorized to pay the necessary expenses of the Committees, to confer with the Trustees of Rutgers College on the covenant relations between the General Synod and the Trustees, and the present state of the Van Benschoten Fund.

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish 1,000 copies of the Minutes of this Synod duly authenticated, and that he distribute among the Classes the number directed by them.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be returned to those families who have extended their hospitalities to the members of Synod; and also to the Consistory of the Reformed Dutch Church of Schenectady for the use of their building.

Agreeably to the standing rule of the Synod the roll was called at the close of the session, when it appeared that the following members were absent without permission, viz. :—Rev. Abraham J. Swits. *Elder*—Martin Van Olinda.

The minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

The resolution of the last meeting of the Synod, fixing the place of the next stated session at Schenectady, being re-considered, it was

Resolved, That the next ordinary meeting of the General Synod be held on the first Wednesday in June, A. D. 1850, at 10 o'clock A. M., in the First Reformed Dutch church in the village of Poughkeepsie.

Synod was closed with prayer by the Rev. David A. Jones.

JACOB VAN VECHTEN, *President pro tem.*
JOHN C. F. HOES, *Adsessor pro tem.*
W. R. GORDON, } *Clerks.*
T. C. STRONG, }

Official copy *from the original minutes.*

THOMAS M. STRONG, Stated Clerk.

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FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, D. D., the President of General Synod at its extra session held in the month of August last; who preached a sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from Matt. iv. 1–11: "*Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterwards an hungered,*" *&c.*

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*—Rev. John Knox, D. D., Jeremiah S. Lord, Talbot W. Chambers.*(a) *Elders*—Josiah Carey, Abraham Van Nest, Daniel P. Ingraham.†

* Obtained leave of absence after the *third* day of the session.

† Took his seat on the *sixth* day of the session.

(a) Succeeded on the *seventh day of the* session by his *primarius*, Rev. J. B. *Hardenbergh, D. D.*

2. *From the South Classis of New-York.*—Rev. Isaac Ferris, D. D., Frederick F. Cornell, Mancius S. Hutton, D. D.§ *Elders*—James Young,(*b*) W. W. Groesbeck.§

3. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*—Rev. Hervey D. Ganse, J. A. Van Doren, George Schenck. *Elders*—John S. Denise, John Stoothoff, Peter D. Vroom.‡

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*—Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D., James Scott, D. D., Alexander H. Warner. *Elders*—George Newkirk, Joseph W. Duryee.

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*—Rev. Isaac D. Cole. *Elder*—Teunis Haring.(*a*)

6. *From the South Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. Abraham I. Labagh, Malcom N. McLaren.§ *Elder*—Thomas G. Talmage.

7. *From the North Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. Richard L. Schoonmaker, Nicholas E. Smith.‡

12. *From the Classis of Hudson.*—Rev. Benjamin F. Murden, Polhemus Van Wyck, John Gosman, D. D.* *Elder*—Philip Niver.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*—Rev. William W. Halloway, Philip Peltz, Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D. *Elders*—Jacob Lansing,(*d*) Theodore F. Cornell.§

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*—Rev. Victor M. Hulbert, Charles H. Stitt, Alexander Gulick.† *Elders*—Jacob Eltinge, John V. L. Overbagh.

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*—Rev. Edwin Holmes. *Elder*—John N. Vedder.(*e*)

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*—Rev. Samuel T. Searle, Uriah Marvin, John H. Pitcher.‡ *Elder*—Abraham Van Vechten.(*d*)

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*—Rev. John H. Carle, Garrit L. Roof, James Murphy, D. D.* *Elder*—Richard Hudson.

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*—Rev. Lawrence H. Van Dyke, Ransford Wells, John M. Scribner.(*c*) *Elder*—Peter M. Swartz.*(*c*)

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*—Rev. William J. R. Taylor, Jacob Van Vechten, D. D.,(*a*) George R. Williamson.* *Elders*—John Ogsbury, Abraham W. Toll.†

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*—Rev. Aaron B. Winfield, Cornelius Gates.* *Elder*—Vincent Conrad.*(*b*)

9. *From the Classis of Orange.*—Rev. James B. Ten Eyck, John B. Alliger, Samuel B. Ayres.*(*c*) *Elders*—Richard Hardenbergh, Hugh Milliken.‡

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* Took his seat on the *second* day of the session.

† Took his seat on the *third* day of the session.

‡ Took his seat on the *sixth* day of the session.

§ Took his seat on the *seventh* day of the session.

(*a*) Obtained leave of absence after the *first* day of the session, and was succeeded on the *fourth* day of the session by Rev. Abraham J. Swits.

(*b*) Obtained leave of absence after the *second* day of the session.

(*c*) Obtained leave of absence on the *third* day of the session.

(*d*) Obtained leave of absence after the *fourth* day of the session.

(*e*) Obtained leave of absence after the *sixth* day of the session.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. Jeremiah Searle was chosen *President;* ott was chosen *Adsessor;* and the Rev. Hervey D. tz were chosen *Clerks pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

READING OF THE MINUTES.

he Minutes of the last ordinary Session of the Gen e of the Extra Session held in the month of A l.

Took his seat on the *second* day of the session.

Obtained leave of absence on the *fourth* day of the sess

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

ORDERS AND RULES.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:—

On the Professorate.—Rev. Isaac Ferris, John Knox, and Isaac N. Wyckoff; and the Elders, Abraham Van Nest and Jacob Lansing.

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. Ransford Wells, Oscar H. Gregory, and John A. Van Doren; and the Elders, John S. Denise and Jacob Eltinge.

On Missions.—Rev. John Gosman, Charles Whitehead, and William J. R. Taylor; and the Elders, John Barnes and Joseph W. Duryea.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. James B. Ten Eyck, William W. Halloway, and Jeremiah S. Lord; and the Elders, Josiah Carey and Charles Easton.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Rev. Francis M. Kip, William R. S. Betts, and George Schenck; and the Elders, John Stoothoff and Richard Hardenbergh.

On Accounts.—Rev. Isaac D. Cole, John B. Alliger, and Victor M. Hulbert; and the Elders, Peter M. Swartz and John D. Ogsbury.

On Correspondence.—Rev. James Scott, Lawrence H. Van Dyck, and Brogun Hoff; and the Elders, George Newkirk and Abraham Van Vechten.

On Education.—Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, Alphonso A. Willets, and John L. See; and the Elders, Clarkson F. Crosby and Thomas G. Talmage.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A letter was received from the Rev. George H. . resident of the last General Synod, apologizing for ›ening of the Synod, and stating that the Rev. Jac . D., the President of Synod at its extra session in nsented to be present to open the Synod, and pı ·nodical Sermon.

A communication was received from Rev. R. Orm ring the resignation of his seat as a member of th rintendents. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That his resignation be not accepted.

A communication was received from Rev. S. L. Pom :retaries of the A. B. C. F. Missions, acknowledging opy of the resolutions passed at the last meeting ıod on the subject of Slavery.

:he following report was received from the Board ı of the Theological Seminary, which was referred t :he Professorate:—

'he Board of Superintendents of the Theological e to report: That they convened in stated session i Hall, in New-Brunswick, on Tuesday, July 17tl ›ck, M.

he following members were present:

their regret at its occurrence, and of their sense of its evil influence upon the object for which the Board was appointed.

In the absence of the last President, the Rev. Dr. Fisher was called to the chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

The Board was organized by the election of Rev. George H. Fisher, D. D., *President*, and Rev. John S. Himrod, *Clerk pro tem.*

From the report of the Theological Faculty, it appears that the exercises of the Institution have been attended during the past year by the following young gentlemen, viz.:

Of the Senior Class, 8.

William Anderson,	Henry Eckel,	John Mason Ferris,
Philip Phelps, Jr.,	Theodore B. Romeyn,	John W. Schenck.
Benjamin F. Snyder,	Jacob Van Woert,	

Of the Middle Class, 9.

J. Romeyn Berry,	Henry Dayter,	Anson Dubois,
James Lent,	Benjamin Lippincott,	Samuel Lockwood,
J. P. Strong,	Wesley Taylor,	Henry Voorhees.

Of the Junior Class, 15.

James E. Bernart,	William D. Buckelew,	Calvin Case,
Lawrence L. Comfort,	Peter Elmendorf,	George Furbeck,
John N. Jansen,	Henry K. How,	Giles H. Mandeville,
George Rockwell,	Charles Scott,	Thomas G. Scriver,
Joseph Scudder,	Adam Van Vranken,	James B. Wilson.

Of these gentlemen one, Mr. Scriver, has been so often absent from the lectures of the Institution, that the Board have decided not to allow him to continue his connection with the Seminary, unless he shall satisfy the Committee on the Admission of Students, to meet in October, as to the cause of his absence, to whom his case has been referred.

Mr. Galusha, one of our beneficiaries for several years, has withdrawn from the Seminary, with a view to prosecute his studies in the Episcopal Church. He however has given security for the refunding of the money which he has received.

The students of the several classes were examined by the Professors in the various studies of their respective departments, and the members of the Senior Class also on their evidences of personal piety, and their views in seeking to enter the ministry. They likewise exhibited specimens of the composition and delivery of sermons. In view of which it was resolved unanimously, that the examination be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Professors for the usual certificates.

The annual sermon before the Board was preached by the Rev. A. M. Mann, on the evening of the first day of the session; and at the close of the examination, the *address to* the students was delivered by the President *of the Board.*

The seats of the following members of the Board will become vacant at the time of the next annual meeting of the General Synod, viz.:

Rev. George H. Fisher, D. D., *of the Classis of New-York.*
" Talbot W. Chambers, *of the Classis of New-Brunswick.*
" John H. Duryea, *of the Classis of Paramus.*
" Garret I. Garretson, *of the North Classis of Long Island.*
" Alexander M. Mann, *of the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*
" John C. F. Hoes, *of the Classis of Ulster.*

The Board desire gratefully to acknowledge the goodness of God in preserving the lives and health of all connected with the Seminary during the past year. They have been highly gratified with the examination conducted under their eye. The young gentlemen, with rare exceptions, gave evidence of commendable diligence in the prosecution of their studies. And while our school of the prophets continues to furnish such proof of the successful attainment of its objects, the Church may rejoice in the harvest she is gathering from the prayers and labors and sacrifices of former years.

GEORGE H. FISHER, *President of the Board.*

A true copy.

D. D. DEMAREST, *Stated Clerk.*

New-Brunswick, Aug. 1*st*, 1849.

A communication was received from the students in the Theological Seminary, petitioning for better accommodations in the Lecture Rooms

which the building for public worship occupied by this church is erected provides, that if the said church shall from any cause be dissolved or become extinct, all the rights and privileges granted shall be vested in the General Synod. That out of twenty members of this church, eighteen have withdrawn and connected themselves with the Presbyterian church. The trusteeship of the church was regularly continued, but no eldership remained; and the Trustees wish to know whether the church of Brunswick still continues to have existence.

Your Committee would suggest the following answer: As it appears that this church conducted its temporal business by a Board of Trustees, properly elected by the pewholders, or subscribers to the erection of the church, and might be constituted of gentlemen who were not elders or communicants,—that therefore, although the eldership is interrupted, yet the temporal and financial organization still exists, and therefore the property is not alienated but the title still remains in the Trustees: and further, that if from any cause it shall result, under the laws of Illinois, that the property by the terms of the deed shall invest in the Board of Direction of General Synod, then the Board of Direction be authorized to issue a power of attorney to any suitable person or persons, to hold and manage the property in the best manner to secure the ends contemplated in such deed of gift.

All which is submitted.

I. N. WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*

A communication having been presented to Synod from the Rev. Mr. Fliedner of Germany, together with certain papers relating to the order of Deaconesses, and a formal recommendation of Mr. Fliedner by the Provincial Synod of Westphalia; these papers were referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. T. W. Chambers, and the Elder C. E. Spangler. This Committee submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That while this Synod rejoices to hear of the prosperity of any of its sister Synods, at home or abroad, and of the successful prosecution by them of new forms of Christian benevolence, it does not appear to us that in the territory occupied by our denomination, there is anything to call for the revival of such an institution as is proposed by our respected brother.

A communication was received from Mr. William Giffing in relation to the establishing a church in Buffalo, which was referred to the Committee on Missions.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF CORPORATION.

The following report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation was received, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, the Annual Digest, a list of the securities held by the Board, a list of the endowed scholarships, a list *of clerical subscribers* to the Widows' Fund, and *accounts current of said Board with* the Widows' Fund and the Board

of Education, and the report of Peter Spader, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, in relation to the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds:—

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church:

The Board of Direction respectfully report: That during the past year the interests intrusted to their care have received a due attention; and that the affairs of Synod remain much in the same condition as when the last report was made. The vested funds of Synod are safely secured, and the interest on them is punctually paid.

The outstanding subscriptions to the permanent fund are, from various causes, constantly liable to loss, and the annual collection of interest is troublesome. The Board are therefore giving their best endeavors to collect these subscriptions, as far and as fast as is practicable.

The debt reported to Synod in 1849 remains unliquidated; and the actual income of the Synod is still inadequate to meet its stated and contingent expenses. The Synod at its last meeting directed a collection to be taken in each of the churches under its care on the second Sabbath in October, for the purpose of reducing the present debt of the Church, and to meet contingent expenses. The Board regret to inform the Synod that this injunction was almost entirely overlooked by the churches. They therefore subsequently addressed a special circular to every minister and consistory in our bounds, requesting a collection to be taken on or before the second Lord's day in May of the present year. To this request the churches have to a considerable

During the past year, James Bogert, Jr., Esq., a member of the Collegiate church of New-York, by whose liberality a scholarship was endowed a number of years ago, the benefit of which has been successively enjoyed by several young men, has renewed his munificence by the endowment of a *second* scholarship, to be called and known as the *James Bogert, Jr., Second Scholarship.* For this purpose he has transferred to the Board two bonds for one thousand dollars each, bearing interest at seven per cent. per annum, and issued by the New-York and New-Haven Railroad Company; the interest accruing to be appropriated for the benefit of the beneficiary under the scholarship. The endowment is made with the condition, that if in our Seminary "there ever shall be taught any other than the doctrines of the Holy Bible as they are interpreted, comprised, and expounded in the Articles of Faith of our Reformed Dutch Church, Compendium, Canons, and Heidelberg Catechism; or if the said Seminary shall pass over into the possession of any other denomination of Christians; or in case of non-user for three consecutive years; then and in either case which may first occur, the said sum of two thousand dollars shall revert to the donor or his legal heirs."

The Board recommend that the Stated Clerk be instructed by Synod to transmit to Mr. Bogert, and to all other persons who, by their liberality, shall have endowed scholarships in our Seminary, a copy each of the Minutes of Synod, annually, during their respective lives.

There are now sixteen scholarships endowed, of each of which a beneficiary is enjoying the advantage, and one in progress of accumulation.

A benevolent lady, also a member of the Collegiate church, offered to convey to the General Synod, for the benefit of the Board of Domestic Missions, three lots of ground in a village in New-Jersey. But inasmuch as it appeared that the validity of the title to said lots might be called in question, and their acceptance involve Synod in legal litigation, and their value not being such as to justify the risk of expense, the Board, with a grateful sense of the liberal intentions of the esteemed donor, judged it expedient respectfully to decline the offer.

The members of the Board, who are also members of the Synod, will furnish any further information that may be called for.

Very respectfully submitted.

ABM. VAN NEST, *President.*

W. B. CROSBY,
JOHN KNOX,
THEO. FRELINGHUYSEN, } *Directors.*

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

New-York, 1st June, 1850.

So much of the above report and accompanying documents as relates to the Widows' Fund, was referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund; so much as refers to the Board of Education and the Education Funds, to the Committee *on Education*; and the residue to the Committee *on the Professorate.*

Treasurer's Annual Account.

The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in Account with ISAAC YOUNG, *their Treasurer.*

1849.		Dr.		
June	2	To cash paid Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,	$393	75
	5	" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,	393	75
	12	" " Rev. Dr. McClelland, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,	437	50
	16	" " Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Strong, one year's		

1849.		Dr.			
		Brought foward,		$3,157	53
		church, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the month of May last,		50	00
August	8	To cash paid John A. Gray, for printing Minutes of General Synod, of their meeting in June last, with Index, binding, &c.,		229	78
Sept.	3	" " Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Strong, advanced by him for the Doorkeeper's bill for attendance, &c., at the Session of General Synod, held at Schenectady, 22d August last,		6	64
	4	" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,		393	75
		" " Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,		393	75
		" " Rev. Dr. McClelland, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,		437	50
	11	" " Hugh Tolan, Janitor of Rutgers College, on account of his salary to 16th January next,		75	00
	12	" " Rev. John F. Schermerhorn, Chairman, the expenses of the Committee to confer with the Trustees of Rutgers College,		14	25
	24	" " John A. Gray, for printing and binding Minutes of the Meeting of General Synod, held at Schenectady, 22d August last,		28	04
		" " Rev. David D. Demarest, his salary for one year, as Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, due 31st July last,	$10 00		
		and the incidental expenses of said Board incurred at their meeting in July last,	4 38	14	38
Oct.	18	" " Rev. George H. Fisher, D. D., advanced by him for printing circulars for convening General Synod, on 22d August last,		2	25
	26	" " Peter Spader, Treasurer of Rutgers College, one half of the salary of the Librarian of said College, for one year, ending 1st April next,	$50 00		
		for fuel for said College for the current year,	20 00		
		for repairs to said College, disbursed by him,	15 58	85	58
Nov.	1	" " the following persons their annuities out of the income of the Widows' Fund, for the last six months, due this day, viz.:			
		Mary Bourne,	$50 00		
		Lydia M. W. Sluyter,	100 00		
		Rev. Zachariah H. Kuypers,	100 00		
		Catharine E. Van Wagenen,	100 00		
		Carried forward,		$4,888	45

1849.		Dr.				
		Brought forward,			$4,888	45
Nov.	1	To cash paid Maria Rudy,	75	00		
		Jane Hunt,	37	50		
		Rev. William C. Brownlee, D. D.,	100	00		
		" Samuel Harlow,	50	00		
		Harriet V. V. Mabon,	100	00		
		Rev. Jacob A. Lansing,	75	00		
					787	50
		B. Livingston Kip, Teasurer of the Board of Education, on account of interest on the invested Scholarships, due 4th December next,			500	00
	20	" " Rev. John Neander, his subscription to the Widows' Fund for one year, withdrawn,			20	00
Dec.	4	" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,			393	75
		" " Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,			393	75
	5	" " Rev. Dr. McClelland, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,			437	50
	10	" " Rev. Brogun Hoff, his subscription to the Widows' Fund for eleven years, withdrawn,			220	00
	17	" " Rev. William R. Gordon, his travelling expenses as Delegate of General Synod to				

1850.		Dr.			
		Brought forward,		$9,628	35
April	22	To cash paid John B. Dingeldein, loaned to him on his two bonds of $4,000 each, dated 16th inst., secured by mortgage, payable in three years, with interest at 7 per cent.,		8,000	00
	29	" " Hugh Tolan, Janitor of Rutgers College, one quarter's salary, due 16th inst.,		25	00
May	1	" the following persons their annuities out of the income of the Widows' Fund, for the last six months, due this day, viz.:—			
		Mary Bourne,	$50 00		
		Lydia M. W. Sluyter,	100 00		
		Rev. Zachariah H. Kuypers,	100 00		
		Catharine E. Van Wagenen,	100 00		
		Maria Rudy,	75 00		
		Jane Hunt,	37 50		
		Rev. William C. Brownlee, D. D.,	100 00		
		" Samuel Harlow,	50 00		
		Harriet V. V. Mabon,	100 00		
		Rev. Jacob A. Lansing,	75 00		
				787	50
	31	Balance carried to new account,		2,386	79
				$20,827	64

1849.		Cr.		
		By balance brought from last account,	$2,118	76
June	5	By cash received, six months' interest on bond for $4,000 due 4th inst.,	140	00
	26	" " six months' interest on bonds for $26,000 of the Collegiate Dutch church, New-York,	780	00
July	7	" " six months' interest on bond for $6,000, due 21st May last,	210	00
	14	" " balance of interest to 11th May last, on the Professoral Fund of General Synod, $2,000,	120	00
	16	" " of the estate of Jeremiah V. Spader, (deceased,) in full payment of the principal of his subscription to the Permanent Fund of General Synod,	250	00
August	6	" " six months' interest on bond for $3,500, due 31st July last,	105	00
	15	" " six months' interest on bond for $1,000, due 13th inst.,	30	00
	24	" " of David H. Haight, in full payment of the principal of his subscription to the Permanent Fund of General Synod,	500	00
	28	" " six months' interest on bond for $3,500, due 1st September next,	122	50
	31	" " six months' interest on bond for $12,000, due 21st inst.,	390	00
October	11	" " six months' interest on bond for $8,500, due 3d inst.,	297	50
		" " collected in the Reformed Dutch church		

		Cr.		
1849.		Brought forward,	$6,433	72
Nov.	6	By cash received, six months' interest on bonds for $11,000 due this day,	385	00
	9	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,500, due 26th October last,	87	50
	21	" " six months' interest on bond for $5,000, due 1st inst.,	175	00
	22	" " six months' interest on bond for $10,000, due this day,	350	00
1850. Jan.	2	" " collected in the Collegiate Dutch church, New-York, for the Widows' Fund,	138	38
Feb.	4	" " six months' interest on bond for $4,000, due 4th December last,	140	00
		" " six months' interest on bond for $1,000, due 13th inst.,	35	00
	9	" " six months' interest on bond for $3,500, due 1st January last,	105	00
	16	" " six months' interest on bond for $6,000, due 21st November last,	210	00
	28	" " six months' interest on bond for $3,500 due to-morrow,	122	50
March	29	" " collected in the 1st Reformed Dutch church at New-Brunswick, for the Widows' Fund,	11	79
April	6	" " six months' interest on bond for $8,500, due 3d inst.,	297	50
	9	" " collected in the German Evangelical Mission church, Houston street, New-York, for the contingent expenses of General Synod,	8	73
	20	" " six months' interest on bonds for $3,500, due 16th inst.,	122	50
	22	" " in full of interest on bond for $12,000, up to 16th inst.,	511	33
		" " on account of the principal of a bond of John B. Dingeldein, for $12,000, dated 21st August, 1847,	8,000	00
	24	" " collected in the Reformed Dutch church at Fonda, for the contingent expenses of General Synod,	7	00
	29	" " collected in the First Reformed Dutch church at Van Vorst, N. J., for the contingent expenses of General Synod,	18	85
May	1	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,800, due 27th April last,	98	00
	2	" " collected in the Reformed Dutch church at Owasco, for the contingent expenses of General Synod,	4	30
	3	" " six months' interest on bond for $6,000, due 1st inst.,	210	00
	6	" " six months' interest on bonds for $11,000, due this day,	385	00
	7	" " collected in the Reformed Dutch church at Blawenburgh, N. J., for the contingent expenses of General Synod,	11	50
		" " collected in the Reformed Dutch church at Totowa, Paterson, N. J., for the contingent expenses of General Synod,	7	50
		Carried forward,	$17,876	10

1850.		Cr.		
		Brought foward,	$17,876	10
May	7	By cash received, collected in the Reformed Dutch church at Hackensack, N. J., for the contingent expenses of General Synod,	14	00
		" " six months' interest on bond for $2,000, due 23d April last,	70	00
	8	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,500, due 23d April last,	87	50
		" " collected in the Reformed Dutch church at Woodstock, for the contingent expenses of General Synod,	4	00
	9	" " collected in the Collegiate Reformed Dutch church, Lafayette Place, New-York, for the contingent expenses of General Synod,	43	65
	22	" " six months' interest on bond for $10,000, due this day,	350	00
		" " six months' interest on bond for $5,000, due 1st inst.,	175	00
	29	" " balance of collection in the Reformed Dutch church, Market street, New-York, for the Widows' Fund, after deducting pastor's subscription of $20 for one year,	26	00
		" " of Rev. Wm. H. Van Doren, one year's interest on the Missionary Prize Essay bond, given by him,	30	00
		" " collected in the following churches for the		

1850.		Cr.			
		Brought forward,		$19,721	39
May	29	By cash received of the following clergymen, their subscriptions to the Widows' Fund, viz.:			
		Rev. Barnabas V. Collins,	$20 00		
		" David A. Jones,	20 00		
		" Joseph Wilson,	20 00		
		" James Scott, D. D.,	20 00		
		" Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D.,	20 00		
		" Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D.	20 00		
		" Nicholas E. Smith,	20 00		
		" George G. Sill, and int'st,	21 50		
		" Cornelius Wyckoff,	20 00		
		" Brogun Hoff, and interest,	21 20		
		" Isaac Ferris, D. D.,	20 00		
		" Peter D. Oakey,	20 00		
		" Peter J. Quick,	20 00		
		" Henry A. Raymond,	20 00		
		" Israel Hammond,	20 00		
		" John Abeel Baldwin,	20 00		
		" Benjamin Van Zandt,	20 00		
		" R. Ormiston Currie,	20 00		
		" A. B. Winfield,	20 00		
		" William S. Heyer,	20 00		
		" Brogun Hoff,	20 00		
		" R. W. Knight,	20 00		
		" Ira C. Boice,	20 00		
		" E. Van Aiken,	20 00		
		" Charles Jukes,	20 00		
		" Oscar H. Gregory,	20 00		
		" John C. Guldin,	20 00		
		" William W. Halloway,	20 00		
		" Samuel M. Woodbridge,	20 00		
		" Garret L. Roof,	20 00		
		" James Scott, D. D.,	20 00		
		" Edward H. May,	20 00		
		" Peter D. Oakey,	20 00		
		" Isaac S. Demund,	20 00		
		" James M. Compton,	20 00		
		" Alexander H. Warner,	20 00		
		" Brogun Hoff,	20 00		
		" Ransford Wells,	20 00		
		" Ralph Willis,	20 00		
		" Charles Whitehead,	20 00		
		" R. W. Knight,	20 00		
		" Benjamin Bassler,	20 00		
		" Cornelius L. Van Dyck,	20 00		
		" John M. Van Buren,	20 00		
		" Isaac Ferris, D. D.,	20 00		
		" " during the past year from the following Classes for Minutes of General Synod, viz.:		902	70
		Washington,	$12 00		
		Hudson,	5 25		
		Poughkeepsie,	60 00		
		Passaic,	7 87		
		Ulster,	11 00		
		Carried forward,	96 12	$20,624	09

1850.		Cr.				
		Brought forward,		96 12	$20,624	09
May	29	By cash received from Classis of				
		New-York,		7 00		
		Poughkeepsie,		31 25		
		Rensselaer,		10 00		
		Philadelphia,		6 50		
		Paramus,		12 00		
		South Classis of New-York,		7 00		
		New-Brunswick,		26 56		
		Minutes sold,		7 12		
					203	55
					$20,827	64
June	1	By balance carried to new account,			$2,386	79

[Errors excepted.]

1*st June*, 1850.

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

The subscribers, appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, have examined the same with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance due to General Synod of two thousand three hundred

Annual Digest, 1850.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows:—

FUNDS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION.

THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by Peter Spader, Treasurer of Rutgers College, and which is loaned upon Bonds secured by Mortgages on property in the State of New-Jersey, &c., amounted, on the 1st of April, 1850, to	$20,250 00
Balance in his hands, 1st April, 1850,	70 00
Interest on same Fund, due 1st May, 1850,	1,560 77
There has been paid to indigent students, out of the interest of this Fund, during the past year,	855 00

LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

The amount of this Fund, which is loaned on Bond secured by Mortgage of property, in the State of New-Jersey, is	$2,000 00
Interest due on this Fund, 1st May, 1850,	120 00
Balance in the hands of Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., 1st April, 1850,	17 89
There has been paid to an indigent student, out of the interest of this Fund, during the past year,	120 00

Amount of moneys invested by the Board of Direction for educational purposes, on Bonds secured by Mortgages,	$31,135 00
Balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod, 31st May, 1850,	145 30
Balance of interest in his hands on that day,	742 53

WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount of moneys invested by the Board of Direction, on Bonds secured by Mortgages, for the Widows' Fund,	$11,750 00
Balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod,	510 76
There has been paid to annuitants, out of the income of this Fund, during the past year, arising from interest on the Fund, and payments by subscribers thereto,	1,575 00

PERMANENT PROFESSORAL FUND.

Under this head are included all the moneys which have been collected and invested on the subscriptions for the Professorships, as well as the moneys formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, viz.:

Loaned by the Board of Direction, secured by Bonds and Mortgages of Real Estate, (except three Bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Church, New-York, which are not accompanied by Mortgages,)		$68,065 00
Balance of the Professoral Fund, formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, and transferred to General Synod, as per account of Peter Spader, Agent, &c., on the 1st of May, 1850, which is loaned on Bonds secured by Mortgages on property in the State of New-Jersey,		2,000 00
Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at		575 00
Rev. John F. Schermerhorn's note,		510 50
Balance in the Bank to the credit of General Synod,		2,386 79
Amount of unpaid subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod,	$24,450 00	
Deduct this amount, which the Board believe cannot be collected,	5,250 00	
Leaving subscriptions supposed to be good,		$19,200 00

BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Twelve copies of the Minutes of the last ordinary and extra sessions of the Synod of the German Reformed Church, were received and laid on the table.

The following report was received from the delegates appointed to attend the last meeting of the Synod of the German Reformed Church:—

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church:

The undersigned, delegates to the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, respectfully report: That agreeably to your appointment, they attended several sessions of that reverend body at Norristown, in October last. They were cordially received, hospitably entertained, fraternally treated, and much pleased with the wisdom, piety, candor, and zeal which distinguished its deliberations and directed its efforts. From the nature of the business transacted, the evangelical spirit shown, the commendable attachment manifested to, and the wise provisions made for her institutions, we are led to believe that the German Reformed Church, in all that appertains to her welfare, is fast rising in excellence and efficiency. She has but one missionary in the foreign field, from whom cheering accounts are received. She is arousing to the important and immense work of evangelizing the large German population that is yearly augmenting in our country. Judging from the indications given, she is destined in the providence of God to accomplish much good; and if her efforts as a denomination be commensurate with her opportunities, she will yet sway a commanding influence in the cause of our common Lord.

It appears that the Liturgy of the Palatinate has heretofore been used in conducting the public services of her sanctuaries, but has now very generally fallen into neglect. This seems to be a matter of regret; consequently the revival of her liturgical service elicited a very interesting, protracted, and animated debate: but while the importance of a well-formed liturgy was conceded, the opinion was unanimous that it should not be made, by any Synodical enactment, to encroach upon Christian liberty.

In the parting address to your delegates, they were desired to convey to your Synod the high regard, expressed by the President in behalf of the German Reformed Church, which that body entertains for the Reformed Dutch Churh and her institutions; together with the prayer that "grace, mercy and peace" might abundantly bless her in all her interests and operations.

In conclusion, we think there are many reasons why a peculiar attachment between these two denominations should subsist and be nourished, so long as the same standards of truth are publicly recognized, and faithfully adhered to by a mutual preference. We parted

from our brethren much gratified, after assuring them of the Christian feeling and brotherly love entertained for them by our Church.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM R. GORDON,

TALBOT W. CHAMBERS.

January 1*st*, 1850.

The following report was received from the delegate appointed to attend the session of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church held in the year 1849:—

The delegate appointed to attend the sessions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, would respectfully report: That he fulfilled his commission under the most favorable auspices of Divine Providence; and although the pestilence was sweeping over the country, your delegate and all the members of the Assembly were preserved from its ravages. Your delegate was received with the most respectful and fraternal welcome. It contributed much to his pleasure that his personal friend, the distinguished Kirwan, was called by acclamation to the chair. Your delegate is happy to add his testimony to that of former commissioners respecting the dignity, the Christian propriety, the noble bearing of this judicature of the Church. Deep attention to business, directness and brevity in argument, and not a little spirit-stirring eloquence, distinguished the deliberations of the Assembly.

their delegate, the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, recently held at Cincinnati. The Assembly commenced its sessions on Thursday, the 16th day of May, and continued until Monday evening, the 27th. A very large number of delegates was present, and the proceedings of the body were marked by great gravity and earnestness, and by great harmony of action on the important topics which engaged their attention. It was gratifying to observe that by far the larger portion of the time of the Assembly, while your delegate was present, was devoted to those high purposes which seem most appropriate, and certainly most animating to such an assemblage. Little time comparatively was required on this occasion for mere formal or judicial business, which so often occupies a large share of the attention of our superior judicatories, and is apt but to excite feeling and reveal the imperfections of Christians. On the contrary, successive days were spent in listening to the reports of the several Boards under the care of the Assembly, and in devising plans for their more extended and efficient action. These Boards are well sustained by the contributions of the churches, and enlist the affections of the people; and in her Publishing, Education, and Missionary Committees, the Presbyterian Church, in her church capacity, has organized a system of agencies by which her part will be well performed in the work of endeavoring to elevate and purify the moral condition of our spreading, teeming population at home, and in diffusing the gospel among the nations of the earth. In your name your delegate, with delighted heart, bade them God speed.

I was received and treated with great cordiality and courtesy; and was requested to bear back to the General Synod assurances of entire confidence and affection on the part of the General Assembly. Though acting under separate organizations, it seemed to be felt by the brethren there collected, that in reality, in the great ends in view, in the principles maintained by both bodies, and in heart, we are one. Delegates were appointed (a primarius and secundus) to attend your present session, one of whom it is hoped will be present with you.

With sincere thanks to the General Synod for the honor thus conferred upon me, and with profound respect,

I am, Mr. President, your obedient servant,

THOMAS E. VERMILYE.

New-York, June 8th, 1850.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report to the General Synod, that only two items of business have been brought before them. First, the communication from several members of the Classis of Illinois, requesting further action of this Synod about the church at Brunswick in Illinois; and second, the nomination of persons as delegates to the two bodies with whom we are in correspondence.

In relation to the communication from several members of the Classis of Illinois, it appears:

First. That three fourths of the members of said church at Bruns-

wick, Illinois, applied in October, of 1848, to the Classis of Illinois, for a letter dismissory to the Presbytery of Peoria, which request the Classis did not grant, on the ground of alleged influence used for that purpose by the Rev. Mr. Fraser, a Presbyterian minister, who had been supplying the said vacant church.

Second. It appears that said church at Brunswick proceeded, notwithstanding the refusal on the part of the Classis of Illinois, to make application to the Presbytery of Peoria to be admitted into it, without said dismissory letter; which they granted in view of all the circumstances.

Third. That the Classis used all proper means to advise and remonstrate with the church at Brunswick in relation to their course, and also with the Presbytery of Peoria, without any good results.

Fourth. It appears that the Classis of Illinois brought the whole matter up before General Synod last year, when the Synod affirmed "that the action of the Presbytery of Peoria is deemed to be at variance with the spirit of our articles of correspondence," and that the Classis of Illinois be directed to carry up the case to the appropriate judicatories of the Presbyterian Church, if, in their judgment, on a careful review, they shall deem it expedient and necessary." (Vide Minutes, p. 458.)

Fifth. It appears that the Classis of Illinois carried the case regularly up before the Synod of Illinois, which body affirmed that "it is one of those cases for which there is no remedy"; but did not touch

The Committee on Correspondence having reported a double number of persons from whom to elect delegates to the corresponding Churches, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the following were chosen:—

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church—Rev. James Scott, *Primarius*, and Rev. Simon V. E. Westfall, *Secundus*.

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church—Rev. Edwin Holmes and Francis M. Kip, *Primarii*, and Rev. Abraham R. Van Nest and Hervey D. Ganse, *Secundi*.

Whereas, there has been some degree of informality in the manner in which the churches under the care of this Synod and those under the care of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church have been accustomed to transfer their connection from one body to the other;

Resolved, That if the General Assembly shall concur, no church shall be transferred from the one body to the other without the formal dismissal of the Presbytery or Classis with which it shall have been connected.

Resolved, That the delegate of this Synod to the General Assembly be instructed to call the attention of that body to the above resolution, and to solicit its concurrence.

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

In conformity with the standing regulations, the Synod spent a part of the afternoon of the first day of its session in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan previously reported by a committee for that purpose, consisting of Rev. Jas. B. Ten Eyck, Jeremiah S. Lord, and William W. Halloway, and the Elders Jacob Lansing and Anthony M. Van Bergen.

Resolved, That a Synodical prayer-meeting be held every morning during the present session, in the consistory room of this church, to commence at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. James Scott, William R. S. Betts, and the Elder, Joseph W. Duryea, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for holding a meeting for religious exercises on the evening of the third

day of the session, who reported, and their report was adopted, and the meeting was held accordingly.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully submit to the consideration of General Synod the following report:

The Minutes of the Particular Synods of New-York and Albany present the alternate lights and shades, which have marked the history of the Church in this present world. Sources of joy are opened, reasons of humiliation presented, prospective grounds of hope furnished. The *external* condition of the Church is generally prosperous, and faithfulness characterizes those to whom are intrusted her concerns and her interests. The doctrines of the gospel are expounded, Scriptural duties urged, with little admixture of the *exciting topics* of the day, of the commandments of men with the injunctions of the Word of God.

At the same time it is evident that the success of the gospel has not been commensurate with the anticipations which the existing state of things would seem to have warranted.

On the other part, the review of the history of the past ecclesiastical year would induce the indulgence of the hope, that God has begun to lift upon the churches the returning light of his favorable regard.

is thought more effectually to have paralyzed efforts and dispirited enterprise on the part of the ministry and the Church, than the preceding trials with which, in the different periods of the world, God has been pleased to afflict his heritage. True, persecution has scattered the flock, but it hath also scattered abroad the preachers of the gospel. True, judgment has begun at the house of God, but they have purged the Church, and their record furnishes ensamples for *instruction* and *admonition* to those on whom the ends of the world have come. Afflictions and chastisements, severe and protracted though they be, in their issue show,

> "God everywhere hath sway,
> And all things serve his might;
> His every act pure blessing is,
> His path unsullied light."

Though bigotry hath developed her disgusting features, it hath been superseded by the charity of the gospel. Fanaticism and superserviceable zeal, whilst they have shown the imperfection of sanctification, have excited antagonistic influences, which have caused those who have walked about Zion to mark her bulwarks and consider her palaces, &c. But lukewarmness, indifference, spiritual declension, and worldy-mindedness, have dejected the ministry, caused their hands to fall through weariness, have produced illiberality in sustaining religious enterprises and institutions, have taxed to the utmost limits of endurance the vigor of the body and the energy of the mind, disturbed the permanency of spiritual relations, and caused many servants of God to go to and fro in thought, if not in fact, through the earth, to seek a more congenial soil on which to cast the seed of truth, where it might bring forth fruit twenty, sixty, or an hundred fold.

The Board of Domestic Missions, in their report to Synod, A. D. 1849, in reference to the Eastern department, say, that upon the whole review of the year past, they cherish a clear conviction that great good has been accomplished in that department, and that they are furnished with happy encouragement to go forward. In reference to the Western department it is said, that during the past year missionaries have labored with untiring diligence and zeal in their work, and that they have not been left without cheering tokens of the Lord's presence and blessing.

The dispensations of Divine Providence in relation to our missionary operations at Borneo, have been mysterious and afflictive. Rev. Mr. Steele and Mr. and Mrs. Youngblood have returned with impaired health. We feel called upon to commit the interests of this mission to the Great Head of the Church, praying that in his own time he will restore the impaired health of our missionaries, and return them, with additional helpers, to their former field of labor.

Your Committee rejoice to hear that the mission to China is in a prosperous state, and that a wide field is opened to the Church of Christ.

To realize those delightful hopes which we so fondly cherish—for that consummation *so devoutly desired, so* fervently supplicated, there is need *of the spirit of fervent, importunate,* persevering, unceasing

prayer—more of entire consecration of services and means in carrying onward to its full execution the commission of the Great Head of the Church, and in sustaining the efforts put forth in obedience thereto.

Time is rapidly completing its course. Millions of our race, during the past ecclesiastical year, have finished their earthly existence. Amongst this number are chronicled the names of distinguished and useful ministers of the Gospel. In our department of Zion are registered the names of the Rev. John A. Yates, D. D., and Philip Duryea, D. D. Your Committee feel that in the removal of these beloved brethren, the providence of God inculcates renewed diligence on the part of those who survive. "We watch for souls as they who must give account." As suddenly and soon we may be called to render in that account. That we may render it with joy and not with grief, we are admonished to be instant in season and out of season, as we have opportunity, assiduously laboring by the enriching promises of the gospel to allure, and by the terrors of the law to persuade men.

Time is rapidly completing its course. As it bears towards eternity all embarked on its bosom, it is rolling onwards the period when in the ruin of all antagonistic powers which have so long persecuted and afflicted the Church, she shall shine in full-orbed glory, and the Redeemer's work will be complete, his spiritual rule established.

The Word of God reveals and establishes our faith *immovably* in these future glorious and universal triumphs of the kingdom of Christ. The heathen will be given to him for an inheritance, and the ends of

CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	Census. Total of the Congregation.	Communicants. In Communion per last Report.	Communicants. Reed On Confession	Communicants. Reed On Certificate	Communicants. Dismissed.	Communicants. Suspended.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Total in Communion.	Bapt. Infants.	Bapt. Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. Schools. Number of Schools	Sab. Schools. Number of Scholars.	Sab. Schools. Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
New York,	John Knox, T. De Witt, T. E. Vermilye, T. W. Chambers,	....	....	1395	29	32	39	..	22	1395	39	6	....	....	..	....	....	326 Fourth St., N. Y. 116 Ninth Street, " 7 Albion Place, " 29 Barclay St., "
Franklin Street,	J. B. Hardenbergh,	....	....	300	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	62 Varick St., "
Broome Street,	G. H. Fisher,	....	....	260	14	13	8	..	..	279	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
Houston Street,	W. R. Gordon,	....	....	191	1	7	11	..	4	....	5	..	....	....	1	118	80	129 Amity Street, "
Greenwich,	N. J. Marselus, S. C.,	300	1500	539	16	22	20	..	8	549	22	..	120	23	1	331	213	46 Hammond Street, "
Twenty-first Street,	A. R. Van Nest,	102	500	86	16	33	3	..	3	129	13	3	97	80	1	173	112	Broadway above 26th St.
Ger. Evan. Miss. Church,	J. C. Guldin,	125	650	315	3	41	..	..	11	348	80	..	65	....	2	....	280	122 Rivington Street, N.Y.
German Ref. Ch., 17th St	J. S. Ebaugh,	....	....	130	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
Mt. Pleasant, 50th Street,	Ph. M. Brett,	30	150	52	3	4	8	..	1	50	9	2	25	....	1	125	85	69 Fiftieth st. n. 3d av., "
Bloomingdale,	E. Van Aken,	....	300	....	4	2	..	..	..	63	5	..	....	....	1	60	....	71st St., n Bloom. road, "
Harlem,	J. S. Lord,	61	370	86	4	7	..	..	1	96	4	1	64	....	1	88	60	122d St., near 3d Av., "
Fordham,	R. Van Amburgh,	55	220	....	2	2	..	..	..	37	12	1	....	....	1	90	60	Fordham, West. co. "
West Farms,	J. Simonson,	65	....	78	3	..	2	..	1	78	6	1	42	42	1	85	....	W. Farms, West. co., "
Yonkers,	Vacant,	....	....	111	5	7	3	..	..	120	6	1	....	....	..	....	....	
Greenville,	A. T. Stewart,	....	176	29	8	..	2	..	1	34	1	3	....	....	1	....	....	Tuckahoe, West. co., "
Greenburgh,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
Tarrytown,	J. M. Ferris,	110	500	219	6	7	3	..	6	223	5	3	140	120	1	211	108	Tarrytown, "
Unionville,	Wm. S. Moore,	56	270	84	..	..	..	1	3	80	..	..	30	....	1	40	....	Tarrytown, "
Staten Island,	J. Brownlee,	184	900	214	4	6	8	..	5	213	34	2	....	....	1	140	100	Port Richmond, S. I., "
Westfield, (S. I.,)	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Ph. Milledoler, D. D.; C. C. Vermeule, D. D.; P. L. Van Pelt, D. D.; E. H. May; A. N. Kittle; J. Mulligan; J. Buckham; W. Boyse; Francis M. Serenbets; J. P. Knox, (St. Thomas;) W. C. Brownlee, D. D., *(Emeritus.)*

OF NEW-YORK.

	mmunicants.				Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
cd	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
	3	8	..	8	182	21	5	118	35	2	239	171	Tompkinsville.
	15	15	..	..	163	9	1	....	....	1	80	60	New York City.
	10	25	..	10	422	13	3	300	....	1	450	310	New York City.
	29	3	..	2	308	24	5	300	50	1	300	220	New York City.
	18	7	..	4	204	14	4	150	35	3	230	175	New York City.
	6	..	..	3	184	20	..	25	20	1	80	50	Williamsburg.
	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
	3	18	..	5	196	24	..	50	40	1	100	80	New York City.

harles Knouse; Rev. Robert Kirkwood; Rev. John Albertis; Rev. A. Quin.

CLASSIS OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
First, New Brunswick,	Samuel B. How,	285	1445	483	11	3	6	2	4	485	17	3	....	....	..	....	....	New Brunswick, N. J.
Second, New Brunswick,	D. D. Demarest, S. C.,	85	410	109	5	15	9	..	2	118	10	1	30	....	1	70	60	New Brunswick, "
Six Mile Run,	Jacob C. Sears,	170	975	234	3	5	5	..	4	238	20	2	90	40	6	285	....	Six Mile Run, "
Hillsborough,	J. L. Zabriskie,	176	941	291	4	4	8	..	3	286	15	1	122	....	5	....	....	Millstone, "
Middlebush,	John A. Van Doren,	82	410	158	2	6	7	..	..	159	8	..	60	....	2	100	90	Middlebush, "
Raritan,	Abraham Messler,	170	975	421	19	7	12	1	..	435	18	1	75	....	4	250	225	Somerville, "
Second, Raritan,	Elijah R. Craven,	108	540	238	25	12	19	..	2	254	33	3	....	....	3	200	....	Somerville, "
Third, Raritan,	Peter Stryker,	69	364	65	15	7	3	..	1	83	9	3	40	30	1	90	50	Somerville, "
Bedminster,	George Schenck,	170	850	300	11	3	10	..	4	300	18	4	150	50	5	....	....	Pluckemin, "
North Branch,	James K. Campbell,	106	460	100	6	2	..	..	1	107	16	..	....	25	1	86	....	North Branch, "
Rockaway,	Goyn Talmage,	100	500	....	4	2	9	..	1	124	9	2	25	12	3	120	90	Whitehouse, "
Lebanon,	John Steele,	185	982	138	10	4	5	..	4	143	23	1	65	....	3	143	107	Lebanon, "
Griggstown,	John A. Todd,	90	468	82	18	1	9	..	2	90	8	7	50	40	1	130	110	Griggstown, "
Spotswood,	John Henry Manning,	50	250	52	3	4	..	..	5	54	8	3	....	....	1	40	35	Spotswood, "
First, Freehold,	A. A. Marcellus,	140	700	160	6	4	3	..	1	166	11	3	40	45	1	80	60	Marlboro', "
Second, Freehold,	Hervey D. Ganse,	65	325	60	5	2	1	..	1	65	2	2	50	....	1	75	65	Freehold, "
Middletown,	William Reiley,	116	580	115	5	..	2	..	2	116	6	2	....	....	..	....	....	Holmdel, "
Middletown Village,	A. C. Millspaugh,	68	360	77	1	2	..	..	1	79	6	..	45	25	2	70	....	Middletown, "
Boundbrook,	George J. Van Neste,	65	330	65	9	1	4	..	3	68	5	3	60	....	1	95	60	Boundbrook, "
Keyport,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Keyport, "
Peapack,	William Anderson	70	350	42	21	15	..	..	1	77	10	2	30	25	1	60	50	Peapack, "

Ministers without Charge.—J. J. Schultz, J. V. Morris, J. Proudfit, H. B. Stryker, W. J. Thompson, N. Conklin, R. J. Blair, William H. Steele, missionary to Borneo, J. W. Schenck. *Candidate.*—C. R. Von Romondt.

BERGEN.

unicants.				Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
6	..	6	303	23	1	75	23	1	135	85	Bergen, Hudson co., N. J.
..	..	1	73	11	2	18	20	2	84	60	English Neighborhood, "
1	..	3	132	8	..	60	40	1	80	60	Hackensack, Berg. co., "
..	..	6	166	16	..	96	35	2	118	90	Hackensack, " "
1	..	..	169	..	..	115	86	3	239	136	Belleville, Essex co., "
8	..	2	70	8	..	....	8	1	85	60	Jersey City, Hud. co., "
6	..	3	104	21	1	....	....	3	....	....	104 Vesey st., New York.
7	1	7	470	..	..	350	100	1	300	....	Newark, Essex co., N. J.
..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Camptown, Ess. co., N. J.
2	3	..	64	1	6	50	25	1	110	80	New Durham, Hud. co."
1	..	..	104	1	4	75	30	1	104	85	Jersey City, Hud. co., "
2	..	1	55	5	2	....	16	1	175	140	Newark, Essex co., N. J.
..	..	..	59	30	..	15	15	1	49	....	Newark, " N. J.

rd Dom. Miss., Rev. Matthias Lusk, Rev. John L. Chapman.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Pompton,	H. Doolittle,	160	800	154	..	..	3	..	1	150		6	..	40	15	2	90	....	Pompton, N. J.
Pompton Plains,	Garrit C. Schanck,	162	860	148	4	3	2	..	4	149		11	3	20	35	3	95	75	Pompton Plains.
Montville,	John L. Janeway,	145	725	121	2	3	1	..	3	122		..	..	25	40	1	80	60	Montville, Mor. co., N.J.
Fairfield,	Joseph Wilson,	81	400	101	9	..	2	..	8	100		8	3	50	....	4	100	....	
Preakness,	John A. Staats, S. C.,	70	350	36	2	4	..	..	..	42		4	..	39	46	1	50	....	Paterson, N. J.
Ponds,	Barnabas V. Collins,	65	....	55	..	..	4	..	2	49		11	..	30	20	2	50	....	
Wyckoff,	Abraham G. Ryerson,	132	650	86	5	..	1	1	1	88		4	1	65	30	4	120	100	Paterson, N. J.
Stone House Plains,	John A. Liddell,	66	....	....	..	1	..	..	1	46		1	..	....	....	1	....	....	Franklin, E. co., N. J.
Little Falls,	J. C. Cruikshank,*	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....		..	..	....	....	..	....	....	

Minister without Charge.—Z. H. Kuypers, (*Emeritus.*) *Pastor elect.

PARAMUS.

mmunicants.					Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
ed On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
5	..	..	3	180	12	..	25	25	2	....	50	Tappan Town, N. Y.
..	5	..	5	154	5	..	....	....	1	74	55	Nyack Turnpike, N. Y.
2	..	..	5	239	16	1	100	....	1	....	....	Acquacknonk, N. J.
3	2	..	8	182	21	..	....	28	1	175	150	Paterson, N. J.
7	..	..	3	274	25	1	50	20	2	200	....	Paterson, "
..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
..	..	..	2	114	8	..	....	....	..	....	....	Munsey, N. Y.
..	..	..	2	146	9	..	20	....	..	70	....	
2	..	..	3	67	5	..	....	....	1	....	....	Munsey, "
4	1	..	1	70	4	1	....	....	..	....	....	
4	1	..	1	76	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Warwick, N. Y.
4	1	..	3	104	6	..	30	....	1	65	....	Nyack, N. Y.
5	18*	..	..	49	..	1	40	30	1	60	....	Piermont, N. Y.

form a Presbyterian church in Piermont.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Brooklyn,	M. W. Dwight,	158	790	240	11	17	1	..	..	267	6	..	50	....	1	130	100	Brooklyn, L. I.
Flatbush,	Thomas M. Strong,	90	500	111	18	4	..	..	4	129	7	1	30	25	2	110	98	Flatbush, "
New Utrecht,	R. Ormiston Currie, S. C.,	85	475	128	1	2	4	..	1	126	10	1	70	40	1	110	80	New Utrecht, "
Gravesend,	Abm. I. Labagh,	70	400	91	1	..	..	..	3	89	18	..	....	....	2	....	....	Gravesend, "
Flatlands,	J. A. Baldwin,	70	400	110	2	..	2	1	2	107	9	..	50	....	2	90	70	Flatlands, "
New Lots,	J. A. Baldwin,	50	300	78	1	..	..	..	..	79	6	..	30	....	1	60	40	Flatlands, "
Central Brooklyn,	Vacant,	1 4	....	190	5	15	18	..	1	....	2	1	80	75	1	115	79	Brooklyn, "
East New York,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	East New York, L. I.
South Brooklyn,	S. M. Woodbridge,	24	....	90	3	8	*	..	3	56	3	..	10	....	1	....	....	Brooklyn, L. I.
Middle Brooklyn,	P. D. Oakey,	100	500	101	34	19	6	..	3	145	17	4	....	....	1	100	....	Brooklyn, "
Bedford, Brooklyn,	A. Elmendorf,	....	....	55	10	9	1	..	..	73	5	1	60	55	1	136	79	Brooklyn, "
North Gowanus,†	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Brooylyn, "

***Ministers without Charge.*—J. Brodhead, Richard D. Van Kleek, and M. N. McLaren.**

*** Thirty-five dismissed to form the North church of Gowanus. † Recently organized.**

F LONG ISLAND.

unicants.				Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
2	..	5	224	18	..	60	50	4	120	100	Jamaica, L. I.
3	..	3	118	6	..	35	....	2	80	60	Newtown, "
..	..	1	110	5	1	....	80	2	....	....	Cedar Swamp, L. I.
3	..	2	55	5	..	....	....	..	....	....	Manhasset, "
2	..	..	152	..	..	100	....	1	125	100	Williamsburg, "
..	..	2	62	4	2	....	....	1	60	45	Astoria, "
4	..	..	70	2	..	....	....	1	60	50	Flushing, "
..	..	..	24	..	..	20	23	..	50	....	Green Point.

son, P. O., Jamaica, and W. H. Van Doren.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Poughkeepsie, 1st	A. M. Mann, S. C.,	186	1000	....	4	8	a*	..	15	351	15	..	....	75	1	225	....	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
" 2d	Charles Whitehead,	65	400	....	2	46	..	..	2	54	6	..	....	....	1	130	78	" "
Fishkill,	Francis M. Kip,	....	....	154	5	3	..	..	2	160	..	3	49	48	1	91	....	Fishkill, "
New Hackensack,	C. Van Cleef,	120	650	....	8	..	..	..	7	216	..	3	....	40	1	30	....	New Hackensack, N. Y.
Hopewell,	A. Polhemus,	100	600	230	6	1	5	..	2	....	5	2	35	....	3	....	75	Fishkill, "
Rhinebeck,	B. Hoff,	....	....	....	5	3	1	..	6	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill Landing,	W. S. Heyer,	....	200	148	3	..	4	..	6	141	4	..	50	18	1	100	....	Fishkill Landing, "
Greenbush,	H. Vedder,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
Hyde Park,	Wm. H. Ten Eyck,	96	500	....	9	5	8	..	4	134	8	3	26	16	1	50	....	Hyde Park, "
Glenham,	Vacant,	47	....	67	4	..	1	..	1	69	3	3	....	30	1	70	....	Glenham, "

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. S. Van Vechten, and Rev. Wm. A. Miller. * Twenty-seven of whom to form the Second church.

ILADELPHIA.

unicants.				Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
9	..	6	315	26	1	70	175	5	300	250	Harlingen, N. J.
2	..	3	294	17	3	55	....	5	275	....	Readington, "
6	..	4	300	13	..	60	75	4	100	....	Flagtown, "
9	..	5	273	13	3	77	107	3	532	425	Philadelphia, Pa.
..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
6	..	4	261	6	1	....	....	3	267	166	" "
..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Newtown, Pa.
8	2	3	130	4	..	....	....	5	170	115	Blawenburgh, N. J.
3	4	1	153	10	3	12	....	3	120	100	Stanton, N. J.
..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	

. D.; G. W. Bethune, D. D.; J. V. N. Talmage, (Miss. to China.)

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
First church Claverack,	Ira C. Boice, S. C.,	200	1000	309	3	3	4	..	7	304	13	1	....	....	5	200	....	Claverack, Col. co., N. Y.
Second church Claverack,	J. S. Himrod,	135	660	208	29	10	5	..	3	239	11	9	....	50	3	120	80	Mellenville, "
Germantown,		89	530	222	..	..	1	..	4	217	12	..	....	....	1	55	35	Germantown.
Upper Red Hook,	J. G. Johnson,	62	200	....	2	..	2	..	2	77	2	..	....	....	1	....	....	Upper Red Hook, N. Y.
Linlithgow,	C. E. Crispell,	160	927	177	9	2	6	2	3	177	8	2	75	....	8	200	145	Livingston, Col. co., N. Y.
Greenport,	Polhemus Van Wyck,	85	500	....	5	4	1	..	..	88	10	..	10	....	1	20	....	Hudson, N. Y.
Hudson,	John Gosman,	104	....	126	19	9	4	1	..	149	14	4	....	....	1	130	100	Hudson, N. Y.
Hillsdale,		....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
Taghkanic,	B. F. Murden,	80	400	....	1	1	2	..	2	101	5	..	....	....	..	....	....	Copake.

IENECTADY.

	municants.				Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
d	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
6	4	..	10	384	13	..	....	50	1	200	160	Schenectady.
1	..	..	3	112	..	..	....	....	2	50	45	Visscher's Ferry.
2	2	..	5	264	17	..	25	50	4	125	100	Niskayuna.
.	9	1	1	78	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Hoffman's Ferry.
.	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Schenectady.
2	1	..	3	244	3	..	....	....	4	100	....	Guilderland Centre.
.	1	..	..	37	2	2	....	....	2	120	100	West Day.
5	14	..	3	270	9	1	....	....	4	165	140	Glenville.
.	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Scotia.
.	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Dunnsville.

Steele, J. Van Vechten, D. D., Thomas Romeyn, E. Vedder, Abraham
erk, Schenectedy.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
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Bloomingrove,	Wm. A. Cornell,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Defreestville.
Chatham,	Vacant,	90	450	71	3	5	1	..	2	76	..	..	....	....	1	....	....	Chatham Four Corners.
First church Ghent,	John Gray	50	200	55	..	..	2	..	1	....	18	..	....	....	..	....	35	Ghent.
Second " "	J. C. Vandervoort,	104	518	130	8	5	1	..	6	136	5	..	....	52	1	85	....	Hudson.
Greenbush,	E. P. Stimson,	250	1300	354	3	..	..	..	2	355	9	1	....	15	5	200	....	East Greenbush.
Kinderhook,	B. Van Zandt,	200	1000	282	5	..	6	..	3	278	5	..	....	....	3	175	150	Kinderhook.
Nassau,	Edwin Holmes,	160	800	285	7	3	2	1	5	287	7	2	....	....	5	150	....	Nassau.
Schodack,	Wm. Bailey,	250	1250	325	4	5	3	..	5	326	9	1	100	30	4	150	....	Schodack Landing.
Stuyvesant,	Elbert Nevius, S. C.,	90	450	96	3	2	3	..	..	98	5	..	....	....	1	50	....	Stuyvesant.

SCHOHARIE.

Communicants.					Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
d On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
4	1	2	2	115	9	..	40	....	1	....	35	Schoharie C. H.
6	2	2	4	118	2	1	....	25	1	70	40	Middleburgh.
1	..	1	1	67	14	1	....	60	2	....	100	Berne.
1	1	..	..	112	4	..	....	40	1	....	20	Berne.
4	1	..	5	107	..	1	33	7	1	100	70	Gilboa.
2	1	..	1	104	6	..	20	25	1	50	30	Lawyerville.
..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Cobleskill.
..	..	..	..	69	6	..	25	40	3	100	80	Gallupville.
..	..	..	..	65	..	..	....	....	1	....	....	North Blenheim,
4	..	..	4	132	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Gardinersville.
..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Conesville.
3	..	..	..	....	1	3	....	....	..	....	....	East Cobleskill.

n, John M. Scribner, George Kerr, and Elihu Doty, Missionary to
na.

CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C.				Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Northumberland,	H. Slawson,	75	270	104	1	2	5	..	..	102	..	1	50	....	1	60	40	Northumberland.
Saratoga,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Schuylerville.
Gansevoort,	John Dubois,	30	200	47	6	1	1	..	1	52	..	3	....	....	2	50	40	Gansevoort.
Union Village,	Uriah Marvin,	100	400	172	3	8	6	..	3	174	2	1	....	....	1	60	40	Greenwich.
Easton,	Vacant,	38	100	....	..	..	2	..	2	36	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	North Easton.
Tiosiock,	Samuel S. Searle,	56	220	84	2	1	3	..	1	83	3	2	....	....	1	55	25	Buskirk's Bridge.
Jackson,	J. H. Pitcher, S. C.,	41	200	81	1	..	5	3	1	72	1	..	25	....	1	85	....	Battenville.
Schaghticoke,	J. D. Fonda,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Stillwater.
Fort Miller,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Fort Miller.

Ministers without charge.—Rev. J. Birkby, J. Parry, Henry Morris.

ONTGOMERY.

	...municants.				Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
...d	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
	3	..	2	35	1	..	....	....	..	40	....	Glen.
2	13	..	1	128	2	..	....	....	..	....	....	Fonda.
	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Canajoharie.
	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
	6	..	7	65	3	..	50	....	..	60	50	Stone Arabia.
1	6	..	3	48	9	1	....	25	1	80	60	Fultonville.
	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
2	4	..	1	138	11	..	....	....	1	200	125	Fort Plain.
	2	..	..	58	..	1	....	30	..	....	....	Glen.
	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
3	..	..	..	....	4	..	....	....	..	....	....	Root.
1	..	..	..	....	3	..	....	....	..	....	....	
	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
	1	..	4	....	7	2	50	....	2	....	....	Minaville.
	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
2	1	..	5	221	16	..	30	....	..	40	30	Stone Arabia.
1	6	..	2	....	5	1	....	10	2	....	....	St. Johnsville.
	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	

...ames Murphy, David D. Hall.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
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Bloomingdale,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Kingston.
Caatsban,	H. Ostrander,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Saugerties.
Clove,	Ephraim Depuy,	100	500	90	2	..	..	..	2	90	6	1	....	....	2	60	....	High Falls.
Dashville Falls,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Dashville Falls.
Esopus,	Abraham Fort,	116	580	232	..	..	6	..	3	273	11	..	....	....	3	....	....	Amesville.
Flatbush,	Victor M. Hulburt,	145	725	186	12	5	3	..	4	196	18	3	75	....	4	....	....	Saugerties.
Guilford,	Wm. Brush,	150	640	....	3	..	3	..	2	105	13	..	60	50	5	175	....	Tuthill Town.
Hurley,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Hurley.
Kingston,	J. C. F. Hoes,	200	1000	492	2	9	40	..	8	455	20	..	75	50	3	210	170	Kingston.
Second church do.,	H. W. Smuller,	....	400	27	4	40	3	..	3	65	8	..	50	....	..	70	50	do.
Marbletown,	C. L. Van Dyck, S. C.,	200	1200	139	5	3	2	..	2	14	14	..	50	25	2	....	....	Marbletown.
New Paltz,	Chas. H. Stitt,	206	1156	....	4	5	1	..	5	180	13	..	110	50	6	300	....	New Paltz.
Plattekill,	M. L. Schenck,	150	829	151	5	4	..	2	4	156	25	..	35	....	..	....	....	Saugerties.
Rochester,	C. Wyckoff,	300	1500	198	2	2	..	..	6	196	26	1	30	....	5	....	....	Accord.
Rosendale,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Rosendale.
Saugerties,	C. Van Santvoord,	130	750	200	7	8	5	..	2	208	12	1	20	....	2	130	....	Saugerties.
Shokan,	J. N. Voorhees,	110	600	84	..	2	1	..	..	85	..	..	20	12	1	20	15	Shokan.
Woodstock,	A. Gulick,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Woodstock.
West Hurley,	do.	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	

Minister without charge.—Samuel Harlow, Shokan.

CAYUGA.

	Communicants.				Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
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	..	..	..	56	..	2	....	....	1	45	30	Arcadia, Wayne co.
	1	..	..	71	2	..	15	....	1	60	50	Slaterville, Tompkins co.
	..	..	1	51	..	..	20	....	1	20	....	Cato, Cayuga co.
	8	..	..	142	8	3	....	35	1	70	50	Chittenango.
	2	..	..	32	1	..	....	20	1	....	35	Canastota, N. Y.
	3	..	..	50	1	..	....	....	..	45	....	Cicero Corners.
	2	..	1	108	5	2	....	23	1	100	75	Farmersville, Sen. co.
	10	..	..	161	11	2	....	....	..	....	....	Geneva.
	4	1	1	47	..	..	....	10	1	12	9	Reed's Corners, Ont. co.
	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
	8	..	1	210	10	..	150	75	5	200	175	Lodi, Sen. co.
	..	..	..	31	..	..	25	25	1	50	....	Lysander.
	4	..	2	95	1	..	....	....	3	85	....	Owasco.
	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Piffard, Liv. co.
	..	..	..	74	6	2	40	90	4	105	....	Auburn.
	..	..	1	69	2	1	....	....	1	50	40	Syracuse.
	..	..	2	57	3	..	....	....	1	....	....	Waterloo.
	5	..	1	225	3	..	30	....	1	100	80	Utica.
	..	..	1	32	2	..	40	....	1	50	20	Red Creek, Wayne co.

Beattie, A. Hoffman. * Emeritus.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
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Beres,	J. B. Ten Eyck, S. C.,	80	400	118	5	6	6	..	4	119	13	..	20	20	2	50	....	St. Andrews.
Montgomery,	R. P. Lee,	230	....	383	16	..	6	..	6	387	37	..	140	110	3	....	....	Montgomery.
Shawangunk,	J. B. Alliger,	220	....	206	16	7	3	..	4	222	15	1	....	....	4	....	....	Brunswick.
New Prospect,	Vacant,	100	....	....	4	..	..	..	..	112	..	1	40	20	..	....	....	Ulsterville.
Deer Park,	G. P. Van Wyck,	....	....	....	7	2	3	1	1	....	5	3	....	30	4	200	140	Port Jervis.
Newburgh,	Vacant,	87	....	135	1	4	9	..	3	128	..	..	....	....	1	50	....	Newburgh.
Minisink,	J. T. Demarest	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Montague.
New Hurley,	E. Slingerland,	180	1030	102	11	2	2	..	..	113	15	2	....	50	5	250	150	New Hurley.
Walden,	M. V. Schoonmaker,	85	425	142	1	2	..	1	..	144	5	1	50	30	1	70	60	Walden.
Walpack,	R. Pitts, S. S.,	158	708	158	6	1	1	2	1	161	12	1	....	....	4	160	125	*
Bloomingburgh,	S. W. Mills,	115	....	134	8	4	6	1	1	138	13	4	....	56	1	80	....	Bloomingburgh.
Ellenville,	S. B. Ayres,	100	....	106	6	2	7	..	6	101	6	2	....	....	4	....	....	Ellenville.
Fallsburgh,	I. G. Duryee,	100	450	153	2	2	5	..	2	153	13	2	....	....	1	80	60	Woodbourne.
Wawarsing,	D. M'L Quackenbush,	234	1165	149	9	22	5	2	3	172	6	5	128	188	4	241	167	Napanoch.
Grabamville,	J. W. Hammond,	70	300	92	22	2	7	..	1	108	..	9	15	....	1	50	25	Grabamville.
Wurtsborough,	Vacant,	40	150	24	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	1	50	40	Wurtsborough.
Upper Neversink,	do.	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Upper Neversink.

Minister without charge.—William Youngblood, returned Missionary, Montgomery, Orange county, N. Y.

* Dingman's Ferry, Pike county, Penn.

F GREENE.

	mmunicants.					Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
	d On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
	..	10	..	4	206	6	1	....	....	1	....	80	Catskill.
	1	4	1	6	312	10	3	....	....	3	....	100	Coxsackie.
	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Coxsackie Landing.
	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Athens.
	1	1	..	..	140	1	..	....	25	2	....	50	Leeds.
	..	4	..	2	135	6	..	....	....	1	50	....	Kiskatom.
	3	2	..	1	88	7	2	15	25	3	....	140	Prattsville.
	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Moresville.
	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Roxbury.

CLASSIS OF WATERVLIET.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
West Troy,	O. H. Gregory,	115	550	324	3	10	5	..	1	331	5	1	....	50	1	160	120	West Troy.
South ch., West Troy,	T. F. Wyckoff,	35	350	80	3	11	3	..	3	88	7	..	....	....	1	150	100	do.
Wynantskill,	J. I. Quick,	75	....	....	2	..	1	..	3	....	..	..	....	....	1	....	....	Wynantskill.
Boght,	Wm. Pitcher,	60	300	76	10	..	4	..	..	82	9	3	....	20	1	60	50	Cohoes.
Waterford,	Alex. Dickson,	37	185	80	9	6	2	..	2	91	7	3	....	....	1	70	55	Waterford.
Cohoes,	C. N. Waldron,	55	275	72	4	5	3	..	..	78	3	1	....	....	1	50	40	Cohoes.
Rensselaer,	G. McCarty,	41	....	40	8	3	..	..	1	....	1	..	....	....	..	....	....	West Troy.

Ministers without charge.—Rev. John F. Schermerhorn, John Smith, Jacob A. Lansing.

MICHIGAN.

	Communicants.					Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
..	..	..	..	10	..	..	....	....	1	....	....	
7	3	..	..	50	1	..	20	....	2	60	....	Centreville.
7	1	..	2	45	..	..	....	....	1	60	40	Constantine.
1	8	..	..	28	..	..	....	....	1	50	....	Ridgeway.
..	1	..	..	17	..	..	....	....	1	25	....	Medina.
..	..	..	1	8	..	..	....	....	..	25	....	Mottville.

Summary View of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, for the Year 1850.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Students.	Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	Received On Confession.	Received On Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Baptized. Infants.	Baptized. Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Number of Scholars.	STATED CLERKS.
New-York,	22	31	--	--	1088	5536	104	171	3409	241	23	582	265	14	1456	Rev. N. J. Marselus, D. D.
South Classis of New-York,	8	12	--	--	878	4034	119	84	1659	125	18	943	230	10	1479	" S. H. Meeker.
New-Brunswick,	21	21	1	--	2370	12215	188	99	3447	252	43	932	292	42	1894	" D. D. Demarest.
Bergen,	13	14	--	--	1667	7683	75	91	1774	124	16	854	398	18	1479	" A. H. Warner.
Passaic,	9	10	--	--	881	3785	22	11	746	45	7	269	186	18	585	" John A. Staats.
Paramus,	13	10	--	--	1278	6354	49	41	1655	111	4	265	103	10	644	" John H. Duryea.
South Classis of Long Island,	12	11	--	--	771	3415	86	74	1071	83	8	380	195	13	851	" R. O. Currie.
North Classis of Long Island,	8	9	--	--	699	3219	18	23	815	40	3	215	153	11	495	" T. C. Strong.
Philadelphia,	11	14	--	--	1031	5150	49	49	1726	89	11	274	357	28	1764	" T. B. Romeyn.
Poughkeepsie,	10	11	--	--	614	3350	46	66	1125	41	14	160	227	10	696	" A. M. Mann.
Hudson,	9	7	--	--	915	4217	68	29	1352	75	16	85	50	20	825	" Ira C. Boice.
Illinois,	5	3	--	--	175	956	8	22	145	9	1	6	....	4	257	" S. V. E. Westfall.
Albany,	14	12	2	--	1313	7861	56	64	2296	131	7	475	140	9	708	" I. N. Wyckoff, D. D.
Ulster,	19	15	--	--	1807	9480	52	38	1997	158	6	475	187	33	895	" C. L. Van Dyck.
Rensselaer,	9	8	--	--	1194	5968	33	20	1556	58	4	100	97	20	810	" E. Nevius.
Washington,	9	9	--	--	340	1390	13	12	519	6	7	75	....	6	310	" J. H. Pitcher.
Montgomery,	20	15	--	--	999	4690	40	12	698	61	5	130	65	6	420	" D. Van Olinda.
Schoharie,	12	13	--	--	687	2880	50	25	889	42	6	118	197	11	320	" Jacob West.
Schenectady,	10	14	--	--	944	4497	16	16	1389	44	3	25	100	17	760	" A. J. Swits.
Cayuga,	19	17	--	--	1102	4892	49	63	1511	55	12	320	278	24	1092	" J. M. Compton.
Orange,	17	14	--	--	1799	4678	114	56	2055	140	31	393	504	36	1281	" J. B. Ten Eyck.
Greene,	9	8	--	--	520	2425	28	5	881	30	6	15	50	10	50	" J. L. See.
Watervliet,	7	10	--	--	468	1660	39	35	670	32	8	....	70	6	490	" T. F. Wyckoff.
Michigan,	6	5	--	--	147	805	2	15	158	1	....	20	....	6	220	" D. McNeish.
Total,	292	293	3	28	23687	111240	1325	1121	33553	1993	259	7111	4144	382	19791	

ARTICLE VII.

SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was accepted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave respectfully to report. They have examined the Minutes of the last General Synod, of the Extra Session, and of the two Particular Synods, and would refer to the following as requiring the attention of this Synod:

1. On p. 458 of the Minutes of the General Synod, we find the appointment of two delegates to attend a Convention on the subject of a closer union among Presbyterian Churches, to be held at Albany, 1st of November, 1849. The Synod will probably receive a report.;

2. On p. 495 is a resolution appointing a Committee to examine the Minutes of General Synod and other documents, and report on the present state of the covenant relations existing between General Synod and the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College.

On p. 496, this Committee was enlarged and directed to report to this Synod.

On page 496, a Committee was appointed to examine the condition and investments of the Van Benschoten Fund.

In reference to the report of these Committees, an Extra Session of General Synod was called at Schenectady, in the Minutes of which

state of the churches composing said Classis, respectfully report: That this Classis comprises nine organized churches, with an average of one hundred members each, and enjoys the services of six ministers. The individuals of whom these churches are composed, are emigrants from Holland, who, driven by the combined influence of temporal necessity, produced by onerous taxation and an over-crowded population, and a grievous interference with their rights of conscience, have taken refuge in this land of the free. By their orderly and industrious habits, and especially by their consistent and exemplary Christian demeanor, they have already, in their new home, won for themselves high commendation and given earnest of taking rank with the soundest and best portions of the community. Descended from the same time-honored Church through which, in her palmier days, the Reformed Dutch Church of North America derived her cherished religious institutions and privileges, it was to be expected that we should naturally care for these exiles from the fatherland. They have accordingly been received with a cordial and liberal sympathy, in New-York, Albany, Buffalo, Detroit, and all other places to which they have come. Strangers, in a strange land, beloved for their own and for their fathers' sakes, they are entitled to a cordial welcome into the ecclesiastical fellowship which they solicit, and all suitable aid in their establishment in the home of their choice.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That the Classis of Holland be received under the care of General Synod, and that it be connected with the Particular Synod of Albany.

2. *Resolved*, That the religious condition and necessities of the Holland emigrants, wherever they are dispersed throughout our country, be commended to the particular attention of the Board of Domestic Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

By order of the Committee.

JOHN KNOX, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That so much of the report on Synodical Minutes as refers to recommendation of persons for aid from Education Funds, be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported, and their report was accepted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Overtures report: That nothing has come before them claiming the attention of Synod.

FRANCIS M. KIP, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL APPEALS.

Nothing *occurred.*

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Eighteenth Annual Report of the Board of Edu
received, read, and referred to the Committee on Educatio

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education wa
and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Eleventh Annual Report of the General Synod's Bo
bath-school Union was received, read, and referred to the
on Education.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of General Synod be and hereby is instructed to transmit to James Bogert, Jr., and to all other persons who by their liberality shall have endowed scholarships in our Theological Seminary, a copy each of the Minutes of Synod annually during their respective lives.

There are now sixteen scholarships endowed, and one in progress of accumulation; to which is added the legacy of the late Rev. Nicholas Lansing, amounting to six hundred dollars.

During the past year Mr. S. B. Schieffelin has paid to the Treasurer of this Board one hundred dollars, "to be used towards paying an agent to gather men and money for the cause of education, or to be used in having sermons preached, or articles written and published, which may, with the Divine blessing, cause the Dutch Church to be more active in furnishing, preparing, and sustaining missionaries." The spirit which has prompted this contribution is worthy of all praise. The donor has evidently felt the interests of Christ's kingdom to be deeply involved in this cause. The cause of the destitute and perishing has occupied his thoughts and engaged his affections. The blessed missionary work is concerned in it, for in this training of young men for the service of the sanctuary, his eye has been turned towards the duties and responsibilities of the Dutch Church in raising up, qualifying, and sending forth faithful men, able to teach others also. But the giver has also seen and manifestly deplored the apathy of the churches as to this matter. Can she be aroused from her slumbers? What method can be adopted for her awakening? Shall some gifted man, who will rightly view and efficiently urge this whole subject upon the churches, be commissioned to go forth on this holy errand? The expense of this seems too large for our scanty treasury. Cannot, then, appropriate sermons be preached, or some concise articles be written and freely circulated, which may be effectual in calling out the energy of Christians and the friends of the gospel on this behalf? Your Committee are of opinion that the last of these suggestions of the honored donor will prove seasonable and happy; they therefore recommend for adoption the following resolution:—

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of Rev. I. Ferris and J. Scott, and Mr. Schieffelin, be appointed, to issue an invitation to clergymen of the Reformed Dutch Church to transmit to them, in such way as they may deem best, manuscript original tracts, from which a selection of one or more shall be made by them for publication, or at their option to republish any appropriate existing tract or tracts; and that a large edition of the same be issued and distributed gratuitously among the several Classes, to be by them apportioned among the churches under their care; and that the said Committee offer a premium out of the donation of Mr. Schieffelin for the tract or tracts which shall be approved and published.

The Board of Education also renew their proposal, presented last year to the Synod, for reducing the operations of the Church in this cause to a more uniform system. The plan referred to by them was then objected to on the ground of its interference with previous regulations over which *Synod had no legal* control. The Board, however,

deem the plan so important, that they urge its consideration, and crave that this or some other plan may be devised, by which the efforts of the Church may be consolidated and rendered more simple and efficient. The proposed plan has however been filed among the papers of the last General Synod, and is not now at hand. The Committee therefore recommend the following resolution :—

Resolved, That Rev. B. C. Taylor, I. N. Wyckoff, J. Gosman, and Elders Theodore Frelinghuysen and Thomas G. Talmage, be a Committee to confer with the Board of Education, and with them to devise a more efficient system for our future educational operations, and report thereon to the next General Synod.

The Committee have also had referred to them the Report of the Synod's Board of Sabbath-school Union. This is a grateful document, imparting large encouragement to those who labor in the blessed cause of Sabbath-school instruction, and cheering to the churches. It certainly is desirable that the schools connected with our body should kindly regard and efficiently co-operate with this Board, and your Committee recommend the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the attention of the consistories of those churches of our denomination, whose Sabbath-schools are not connected with the General Synod's Board of Sabbath-school Union, be affectionately urged to consider the claims of this Board upon their regard and co-operation, by a connection of their schools with it.

Respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN C. TAYLOR, Chairman.

ARTICLE XIII.

RUTGERS COLLEGE.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Trustees of Rutgers College and adjust amicably all unsettled business in reference to the funds in the hands of the Trustees claimed by the Synod, reported, and their report was adopted and is as follows:—

The Committee appointed by General Synod at its Extra Session held in August last, to confer with the Trustees of Rutgers College, and if possible adjust amicably all unsettled business in reference to the Funds in the hands of the Trustees claimed by the Synod, respectfully report:

That a Committee was appointed by the Trustees to confer with the Synod's Committee, and several meetings of the two Committees have been held. That in the explanations given in reference to the funds in question it appears—

That the resolution of the Trustees, reported to the Synod in August last, and which appears on page 7 of the Minutes of the Extra Session then held, was believed by the Trustees to present all the information in their power to give to the Committee of Synod which had been appointed in June, A. D. 1849. That the accounts referred to in said resolution were necessarily made the basis of the report presented to Synod at its Extra Session. And from a careful examination of that report, as based upon the data thus furnished by the Trustees, a heavy deficiency was manifest.

But these printed statements *do not* contain all the items of the accounts of THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND. And to exhibit in succinct form, from year to year, commencing with April, A. D. 1831, and extending to April, A. D. 1850, the *actual receipts and expenditures* of this Fund, your Committee have been furnished by the Treasurer of Rutgers College with such an account as fully presents what the Synod have desired to ascertain. This document, which accompanies this report, will subserve a valuable purpose, and a similar annual statement, it is believed, would for the future prevent mistakes, and could not fail to satisfy the Synod.

It is proper here to refer to one item of charge in this account, in the year 1843, an amount of two thousand four hundred and eighty dollars for tuition fees of beneficiaries of the Education Board. This charge was sanctioned by a resolution of the Synod, on page 366 of Minutes for June, 1844.

It also appears by a statement from the Treasurer of the College, that the amount of tuition fees for beneficiaries on the Van Benschoten Fund since 1840, is fifteen hundred dollars, and that previous to that time no tuition fees were charged to said beneficiaries.

The foregoing charge for tuition fees of beneficiaries of the Education Board, together with the interest in the hands of the Treasurer, and that which has accrued but not yet been paid in, and what has been added to the principal of the Fund, all being taken into the computation, will approximate the estimated *deficiency* stated by the Synod's Com-

mittee of June, 1849. And a reasonable allowance should be made for a loss of interest on moneys awaiting investment.

Your Committee are satisfied that up to 1st of April, 1850, the true statement of this Fund is now obtained, and believe the whole matter up to that date will need no further explanation.

The Rebecca Knox Fund has been from time to time duly reported, and your Committee believe it to have been satisfactorily administered by the Trustees.

The Professoral Fund.—A balance of two thousand dollars of this Fund was supposed to be in the hands of the Trustees of the College. The Treasurer of the College has however personally stated, at a conference of the two Committees, that the whole of the said Fund had been transferred to the Board of Corporation of the General Synod, and that the aforesaid balance was yet to be collected by him in the capacity of an agent for Isaac Young, Esq., the Treasurer of General Synod.

It is proper that General Synod should know the terms of the transfer of this Fund, accompanied as it is with a condition required on the part of the Trustees, and of which an assurance of compliance has been given by the Board of Corporation on behalf of the Synod, although no information was given to the Synod of such assurance, when they reported the transfer, in June, 1828. (See Minutes for June, 1828, pp. 103, 104.)

The following extracts from the Minutes of the Board of Corporation, under date of the 12th of May, 1828, specify the condition and

"At a meeting of the Board of Direction of the Corporation of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, at the house of the President, on the twelfth day of May, in the year 1828:

"The Board of Trustees of Rutgers College having, by their resolution dated 7th April, 1828, resolved that Jacob R. Hardenbergh and Abraham Van Nest, Esquires, be a Committee to make the transfer of the Professoral Fund to General Synod upon a certain condition therein mentioned; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That this Board on behalf of General Synod do hereby promise to the said Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, that when the said Fund is transferred accordingly, the collection of the said bonds and mortgages shall not be enforced in less than three years, provided that the interest arising therefrom be punctually paid, and the principal according to the opinion of this Board sufficiently secured.

"By order of the Board of Direction of the Corporation.

"HENRY RUTGERS, *President*.

"ELI BALDWIN, *Secretary*."

The foregoing explanations leave nothing in reference to these Funds for adjustment, and the Committee are happy in being freed from any further controversy in respect thereto.

They however respectfully suggest that the accompanying statement, furnished by Peter Spader, Esq., Treasurer of the College, be printed at length on the Minutes of General Synod or in an appendix thereto, to serve for future reference, and to do justice to all parties, by showing what has been the administration of these Funds.

They submit the following resolution for adoption by the Synod:—

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Rutgers College annually furnish a statement of the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds as to receipts and expenditures, in form similar to that furnished by him to the Committee, with the addition of the amount of principal of the Fund actually invested, and the usual accompanying list of securities for the investments of the same, and that said annual statement be published in the printed Minutes of General Synod.

By order of the Committee.

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Chairman*.

June, A. D. 1850.

The following is the account in detail of Peter Spader, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, in relation to the Van Benschoten Fund, referred to in the above report:—

The Account of P. Spader, Treasurer of Rutgers College, of Receipts and Disbursements of the Van Benschoten Fund, from 1st April, 1831, to 1st April, 1850, embracing the aggregate amounts in each year.

Dr.	DISBURSEMENTS.			RECEIPTS.	Cr.
1831.	Paid to beneficiaries,	$745 00	1831.	Balance due Trustees per account rendered,	$564 10
	Principal loaned,	2,000 00		Principal received,	2,000 00
	Balance to new account,	1,373 00		R. O. Currie,	210 00
				C. Whitehead,	150 00
				Interest received,	1,193 90
		$4,118 00			$4,118 00
1832.	Principal loaned,	1,380 00	1832.	Balance of old account,	1,373 00
	Paid to beneficiaries,	565 00		Principal received,	1,200 00
	Balance to new account,	2,128 29		R. O. Currie, (bal.,)	300 00
				C. Whitehead,	100 00
				Interest received,	1,100 29
		4,073 29			$4,073 29
1833.	Principal loaned,	4,000 00	1833.	Balance of old account,	2,128 29
	Paid to beneficiaries,	1,225 00		Principal received,	2,500 00
	Balance to new account,	467 09		Interest received,	1,063 80
		$5,692 00			$5,692 09
1834.	Principal loaned,	1,200 00	1834.	Balance of old account,	467 09
	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]

Dr.	DISBURSEMENTS.	
1842	Principal loaned,.....	1,400 00
	Paid to beneficiaries,.....	565 00
	Balance to new account,.....	2,778 08
		$4,743 08
1843.	Principal loaned,.....	1,950 00
	Paid to beneficiaries,.....	832 00
	Tuition of beneficiaries of the Education Society, charged by order of the Trustees,.	2,480 00
	Balance to new account,.....	1,161 27
		$6,423 27
1844.	Paid to beneficiaries,.....	1,207 00
	Balance to new account,.....	1,048 91
		$2,255 91
1845.	Principal loaned,.....	1,200 00
	Paid to beneficiaries,.....	1,515 00
	Balance to new account,.....	690 41
		$3,405 41
1846.	Principal loaned,.....	300 00
	Paid to beneficiaries,.....	1,770 00
	Balance to new account,.....	140 51
		$2,210 51
1847.	Principal loaned,.....	1,000 00
	Paid to beneficiaries,.....	1,346 76
	Balance to new account,.....	206 67
		$2,553 43
1848.	Principal loaned,.....	1,650 00
	Paid to beneficiaries,.....	1,069 25
	Balance to new account,.....	782 45
		$3,501 70
1849.	Principal loaned,.....	2,380 00
	Paid to beneficiaries,.....	855 00
	Paid recording mortgage,.....	50
	Paid Rev. Mr. Labagh, Com.,..	1 00
	Balance to new account,.....	1,027 21
		$4,263 71

	RECEIPTS.	Cr.
1842.	Balance of old account,.....	2,024 78
	Principal received,.....	1,400 00
	Interest received,.....	1,318 30
		$4,743 08
1843.	Balance of old account,.....	2,778 08
	Principal received,.....	1,700 00
	Interest received,.....	1,152 81
	C. L. Van Dyke,.....	120 00
	J. T. Demarest,.....	25 00
	D. Abeel,.....	647 38
		$6,423 27
1844.	By balance of old account,....	1,161 27
	Interest received,.....	1,094 64
		$2,255 91
1845	By balance of old account,....	1,048 91
	Principal received,.....	1,200 00
	Interest received,.....	1,156 50
		$3,405 41
1846.	Balance of old account,.....	690 41
	Principal received,.....	300 00
	Interest received,.....	1,220 10
		$2,210 51
1847.	Balance of old account,.....	140 51
	Principal received,.....	1,200 00
	Interest received,.....	1,212 92
		$2,553 43
1848.	Balance of old account,.....	206 67
	Principal received,.....	1,650 00
	Interest received,.....	1,353 78
	Van Dyke, Van Cleef, Fisher and Quick,.....	291 25
		$3,501 70
1849.	Balance of old account,.....	782 45
	Principal received,.....	2,400 00
	Interest received,.....	1,081 26
		$4,263 71
	Balance of old account,.....	$1,027 21

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P. SPADER, *Treas. R. College.*

New-Brunswick, May, 1850.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College on the covenant relations existing between the General Synod and the said Board, reported, and their report was adopted and is as follows:—

The Committee appointed at the Extra Session of the General Synod, held in the month of August last, to confer with the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, in reference to the covenant relations existing between the Synod and the said Board, would respectfully report:

That shortly after the adjournment of the Synod, they apprised the Board of Trustees of their appointment, and requested to know their views in relation to the proposed conference. The Board promptly acted upon the communication, and appointed a committee to meet and confer with the Committee of the General Synod. In conformity with

previous arrangement with the Chairman of the Committee from the Board of Trustees, your Committee repaired to New-Brunswick, on the 9th day of October last, for the purpose of commencing their conference; but were disappointed in so doing, in consequence of not finding a majority of the Committee of the Trustees present. On the 6th of November succeeding, a meeting of both Committees was effected in the city of New-York, and since then nine or ten interviews have been held, which, in addition to the separate meetings of your Committee, make something like twelve or fourteen times at which they have assembled in relation to the business intrusted to them. It is proper to state that, in consequence of severe domestic affliction, the Elder, W. C. Miller, has been able to attend only two of the above meetings.

The first matter that claimed the attention of the Committee was that in relation to the old Professoral Fund, raised for the support of the Professor of Theology, and the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds, bequeathed by the respective donors, for the education of young men for the gospel ministry. Having satisfactorily adjusted the business connected with these several funds, (a separate report of which has been submitted to the Synod,) the Committee took up the subject of the existing covenant relations. And in prosecuting their inquiries and conference in reference to this subject, the Committee have been constrained to take a somewhat wider range than the resolution of the Synod under which they have acted might at first view appear to sanction. They were directed "to obtain the views of the

founded by pious men for the express purpose of promoting the interests of religion, had languished from its commencement for want of patronage, and after the death of the venerable Dr. Hardenbergh, was become nearly extinct. No officers presided; no students attended; at length nothing was taught there. But in the beginning of the year 1807, the Trustees of that Seminary, who had preserved their charter and still continued a legal Board, found themselves excited to revive their College; and under the influence of the same pious spirit which animated the first founders, made an immediate communication of their intentions to the Synod of New-York, in the month of May, with a promise to render the College subservient to the Professorate of Theology. The Synod of New-York referred the business to the General Synod, to whom alone whatever relates to the Professorate appertains."

In consequence of this application and overture from the Board of Trustees, the covenant of 1807 was formally adopted. The design and object of this covenant are specified in the first article, which is that "in the plan for the revival of said College, they will employ their efforts to combine its literary interests with a decided support to evangelical truth, and the promotion of a faithful and able ministry in the Dutch Church." It was undoubtedly especially intended to render the College more efficient in rearing up men for the service of the Reformed Dutch Church in the ministry of reconciliation. And there was a loud call for some special efforts in this behalf, inasmuch as the object of the charter of the College in this respect had been thus far but very partially attained, only eleven of the sixty graduates from the institution having entered the ministry since the year 1770, when the charter was granted—a period of thirty-six years. In the course of their investigations your Committee have found that this covenant has not been altered, but still remains in full force and virtue.

It has indeed been alleged, that the latter clause in the seventh article of this covenant, which authorizes the appropriation in a certain contingency of a part of the Professoral Fund then projected to be raised, for the purpose of erecting a Professoral Hall, is an interpolation—or at all events, that it did not form a part of the original covenant. But your Committee have ascertained from an inspection of the manuscript Minutes of General Synod, which are in the handwriting of the late Rev. J. V. C. Romeyn, then the Acting President and Stated Clerk of the General Synod, that the whole of the seventh article, as found in the printed Minutes of the Synod, is therein engrossed, and that there has been no alteration or interpolation whatever in the case. And not only the subsequent legislation of the Synod in making arrangements to meet the collections therein specified and agreed to be taken up in behalf of this fund, but the action of the Board of Trustees in making the appropriation in accordance with the vote of the General Synod in the year 1813, shows conclusively that not only the Synod, but the Trustees themselves, considered this as a part of the seventh article of the covenant of 1807, notwithstanding the fact as stated in another quarter, that that clause is not found on the Minutes of the *Board of Trustees*. It is much more reasonable to suppose *that such an omission occurred* through the oversight of the

transcriber of the Minutes of the Trustees, than that such "an error should have crept into the Minutes of the Synod," especially as the covenant was formally signed by the contracting parties, who doubtless were fully acquainted with all its provisions.

In consequence of the covenant thus entered into with the Synod, the College was revived in the year 1809, and in 1810 the General Synod's Professor of Theology, Dr. John H. Livingston, was elected President. The expectations of the Trustees and of the Church, however, were not realized, and in the year 1815 the Trustees agreed to organize it as a Theological College. Arrangements for this purpose were made, but from some cause they failed, and in the year 1816 the Trustees informed the Synod, "that the income of the funds of the College was not adequate to the support of the Professors and teachers, and that they must hereafter discontinue the exercises of the College," and they did suspend them accordingly.

In the year 1825 the Trustees proposed to the General Synod to revive the literary exercises of the College. And the Synod, having purchased from them the building and lot, entered into another covenant with the Trustees. This covenant had special reference to the literary department and character of the College. It related to the College proper, as the covenant of 1807 did to the Theological Professorate. From the original provisions of this covenant it is evident that the Trustees designed at that time to transfer, as far as their charter would allow, the chief control, management, and adminis-

The Committee appointed by Synod at its last meeting to confer with the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, beg leave to report:

That your Committee attended a meeting of that Board held in the College at New-Brunswick on the 14th July last, and after a conference with a Committee appointed by the said Board for that purpose, through whom a copy of the resolutions of Synod was presented to it by your Committee, they received in return the annexed resolution of the Board of Trustees marked A, and which your Committee request may be considered as a part of their report, and by which it will appear that the Board of Trustees have readily acquiesced in the wishes of Synod in respect to the College, as expressed in the said resolutions.

All which is respectfully submitted by

W. B. Crosby, C. N. Kiersted, Cornelius R. Suydam, } *Com. of Synod.*

New-York, 6th Nov., 1840.

Extract from Minutes of Board of Trustees, July 14th, 1840:—

Resolved, That this Board approve of and accede to the resolutions adopted by the General Synod at their late meeting in the city of New-York, as contained in a report made to that body, by a Committee of which the Rev Gustavus Abeel was chairman.

(A true copy.) Theodore Hardenbergh,
Clerk of Board of Trustees.

Had the above report been before the Committee of the last General Synod, they would have come to a very different conclusion in relation to the covenant of 1825. But they knew not at that time, nor did any one in fact know, of the existence of such a document. It gives to the whole subject an aspect materially different from what was supposed. And while your present Committee differs from the former one on this branch of the subject, they do it in the light of evidence which was not in the possession of that Committee.

Having in the course of our conference completed the review of the several articles of the two covenants of 1807 and 1825, together with the subsequent action of the General Synod and of the Trustees in the years 1839 and 1840, a sub-committee was appointed from the conferring Committees to draw up in detail the articles of covenant as now existing between the Synod and the Trustees. A report on this subject was prepared and submitted. After several conferences on the subject, the Committee of the Board of Trustees presented your Committee with the following statement of their views of the relations now existing between the two bodies, which has been approved of by them, and in which your Committee have expressed their concurrence:—

The first covenant was made in 1807, and is in the following words:—

"It is mutually covenanted and agreed by the General Synod of the Ref. Dutch Church in America on the one part, and the Trustees of Queen's College on the other:

"1. That in the plan for the revival of said College, they will employ their efforts to combine its literary interests with a decided support to evangelical truth, and the promotion of a faithful and able ministry in the Dutch Church.

"2. That all the moneys *raised by the Trustees* of Queen's College in the State of *New-York, shall, agreeably to the* proposal of the said Trustees, be

a fund exclusively appropriated to the support of a Theological Professorship in the College, and to the assistance of poor and pious young men, who are desirous of entering into the gospel ministry under the patronage of the Dutch Church, as represented in the General Synod.

"3. That all the moneys which may have been raised for the Professorship, under the injunction of the General Synod of 1806, be deposited in the hands of the Trustees of Queen's College, for the purpose expressed in the second article; and the persons appointed to raise contributions for the Professorship shall stay their proceedings till the success of said Trustees be ascertained.

"4. The Trustees of Queen's College shall call no Professor of Theology but such as shall be nominated and chosen by the General Synod, agreeably to the resolutions and arrangements formed in General Synod, in 1804, respecting the permanent Professorship, which is hereby located at New-Brunswick.

"5. As soon as the Trustees shall have obtained a fund, the interest of which will yield a competent support to the Theological Professor, of which competency, whenever any difficulties or doubts may arise, the contracting parties shall judge and determine, the Trustees shall be bound, without delay, to call the Professor appointed by the Synod, and they shall and do hereby request their Professor, as soon as he shall have received such call, to make arrangements forthwith for entering upon the duties of his office.

"6. That a permanent Board shall be appointed by the Synod to superintend the Theological Institution, to assist the Professor in arranging the course of instruction, to attend the examination of the students in theology previous to their examination for licensure before Classis, to be known by the style of the Superintendents of the Theological Institution in Queen's College, and to be recognized as such by the Trustees of said College.

joint Committee, providing that no Theological Professor shall hereafter be President of the College.

"ART. 2. *Resolved*, That the spirit of the charter cannot be carried out, nor the advantages proposed from the connection between the General Synod and the Trustees of Rutgers College secured, without concurrent and harmonious action.

"*Resolved*, That the Theological Professors preach in the chapel as usual on the Sabbath, and that the future President, if a minister of the gospel, also preach in his turn.

"*Resolved*, That in the distribution of the Education Funds under the control of the General Synod, the usual tuition fees be paid to the Trustees by all the beneficiaries so long as the exigencies of the College shall need the same, and the Education Funds of the General Synod shall warrant such payment; and that the beneficiaries be excused from the payment of the usual incidental charges.

"*Resolved*, That instead of the reconveyance of the College premises, as proposed in the Minutes, p. 282, of June, 1839, the Synod guaranty to the Board of Trustees, by a proper and legal instrument, the use of the library room, (the library being in common,) the chapel, and recitation rooms, as heretofore, for the purpose of conducting collegiate exercises; and that they will not sell or lease the College building or premises, or any part of them, without the consent of the Board of Trustees; provided the Board of Trustees accede to the plan now adopted by the General Synod, and elect the President whose nomination has been approved by Synod.

The fourth covenant was made in A. D. 1840.

"1. *Resolved*, That the Synod regard Rutgers College with great interest, not only as an institution calculated to diffuse the blessings of education generally, but especially as a most important auxiliary in training the rising ministry of the Church.

"2. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Trustees of Rutgers College to appoint a President of said institution as early as practicable.

"3. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Synod, the efficiency of the College depends mainly upon the wise and energetic administration of its affairs by the Board of Trustees; and to the said Board the Synod refers its whole administration, embracing the appointment of professors and instructors, providing and disbursing the funds of the College, and controlling and directing its concerns generally; and that the Synod repeals on its part all former action on this subject, which may or can interfere with the tenor of this resolution.

"4. *Resolved*, That the Theological Professors be requested to continue to the College such services as they have heretofore rendered, or such services, not interfering with their duties in the Theological Seminary, as may be agreed upon between them and the Trustees.

"5. *Resolved*, That in the meantime, and until otherwise arranged, tuition fees be allowed for the beneficiaries in the College."

The Board of Superintendents of the College was virtually abolished by the fourth resolution of 1840, and the General Synod, at their meeting in Brooklyn, in September, 1848, by adopting the report of a Committee on that subject, confirmed such action of the Synod at that time. See Minutes of Sept., 1848, p. 418–420.

Approved by the Committee of the Trustees.

JAS. B. HARDENBERGH, } *Com.*
ABM. VAN NEST, } *of*
C. L. HARDENBERGH, } *Trustees.*

We concur in the foregoing *abstract as the* covenant now in force between the Trustees *of the College and the* General Synod, considering the

proceedings of 1839 and 1840 as amendments of the first and second covenants adopted in 1807 and 1825, and not as new covenants.

THOS. M. STRONG,
BENJAMIN C. TAYLOR,
WILLIAM R. GORDON,
D. P. INGRAHAM,
} *Com. of Gen. Synod.*

Your Committee would recommend that the Synod recognize the above as now containing the existing relations between the General Synod and the Board of Trustees, in order that all differences upon the subject should hereafter cease.

It will be perceived by the above document, that material alterations have been made to the covenant of 1825; that in fact it has been in a very great degree annulled in all its important provisions. According to the present arrangement the whole administration of the College is committed to the Trustees, and the Synod have no voice in the appointment of its officers or professors, or in the course of instruction which shall be pursued, or in the management of its fiscal concerns. And yet it is an institution which the General Synod are expected to recommend, one which they have liberally patronized by affording to it the use of buildings and accommodations, and by furnishing it with the greater number of its pupils, and one which was chartered expressly with the view of promoting the interests of the Church which she represents. That the Synod may fully understand the object and provisions of this charter, the Committee have appended a copy of it to

in 1771 and 1772 a union of these churches was happily effected, which had no doubt been contemplated in obtaining the charter of Queen's College, the movers in the same being the very individuals who were active in effecting the union of the then conflicting parties in the Church; and now these churches are represented and incorporated under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in North America. And it is a subject which may demand the serious consideration of the Synod, whether in relation to a College thus chartered for the special benefit of the Church represented by her, and which she is expected to patronize to the utmost of her ability, she should not have some voice in its management and administration. Your Committee, not having this subject definitely referred to them, do not feel themselves authorized to make any suggestions upon it. But that the covenant of 1825, in all its important provisions, more especially in those which conferred upon the Synod a modified control over its management, presiding officer, and professors, is materially altered, if not actually abrogated, the view of the present state of the relations between the Synod and the Trustees which is presented in the document agreed upon by the conferring Committees amply shows. Indeed, from the investigation which your Committee have been enabled to make, they do not hesitate to declare their serious conviction that the connection effected between the Synod and the Trustees by that covenant is for all practical purposes virtually dissolved. The only connection remaining is that which is involved in the tenure of the College premises by the General Synod, and the joint occupancy of the same by Rutgers College and the Theological Seminary of the Church, and in any united interest which may exist between the two bodies for the sustaining of the institution.

There is another point of view in which the alterations of the covenant of 1825 should be seriously considered by the Synod. We advert to the influence or effect which they may have upon the subscription for the endowment of the Second and Third Professorships in the Theological Seminary, particularly the latter. One of the conditions of this subscription, taken in the year 1831 and subsequently, is "that the present connection and covenant between the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church and the Trustees of said College, (referring to the covenant of 1825,) shall remain as it now is, and unimpaired in its true spirit and meaning." Your Committee are not aware that the General Synod ever authorized the insertion of this condition in the caption of this subscription, and as it has never been reported to the Synod, so they have never sanctioned it. Still it is embodied in the heading to this important subscription, and formed a part of the conditions on which the thirty odd thousand dollars therein subscribed for the support of the Theological Professors are given. It is necessary that the Synod should look to their interest in this matter, and do nothing to justify any subscribers in withholding these subscriptions.

Doubts having been expressed in relation to the validity of the deed given by the Trustees for the College building and grounds, your Committee have had this *subject under consideration*. It has been supposed that the *fact that the deed is signed by only* seven out of forty-one Trus-

tees was a valid objection against the instrument. It appears however on examination, that by the provisions of the charter this number is sufficient to convey the right and title of the Trustees in any property which they may possess, provided the instrument of conveyance be signed "at a public meeting of the Board, and with the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto." It has moreover been alleged, that the instrument is without the seal of the Corporation. This also, we are happy to state, is a mistake. The deed is accompanied with the seal. The acknowledgments to the deed have been objected to, and there may be some informality in this particular; and if on further examination there should be found to be any defect in the proof of its execution, the Committee on the part of the Trustees have assented that such defect should be corrected. Yet in the opinion of the Committee none of these objections are sufficient to invalidate the deed. The Committee of Synod, who completed the transaction with the Board, regarded the instrument as perfect, and reported to the Synod that they had "received a good and sufficient deed of conveyance from the Board of Trustees in fee simple, free from any conditions or restrictions whatsoever;" and from the examination which your present Committee have been enabled to make, they have no reason to question the correctness of this statement. It is however to be regretted, that the true and full consideration paid by the Synod for the premises has not been inserted in the deed.

With the view of obtaining the authority under which this deed was executed, your Committee have recently applied to the Secretary of

about the amount of their indebtedness to the Synod and the Bank,) on condition that the College edifice and premises should be appropriated to the purposes of a Theological College. This proposition the Synod declined, and urged the payment of their demands due from the Trustees, who finally informed them that they had no funds to pay their debts, and, to use their own language, "that their only alternative would be to sell the College edifice and lot, and from the proceeds thereof liquidate their debts, and satisfy General Synod." This state of things compelled the Synod to purchase the property, or to run the risk, by a forced sale of the same by the Bank of New-Brunswick, to lose not only a part of their debt, but their accommodations for a Theological Hall in the College edifice, for which they had before paid at least $3,000. The General Synod therefore passed a resolution in the year 1823 to liquidate their demands against the Trustees of $2,212 57 with the interest due thereon, and pay the debt due the Bank of New-Brunswick, upon condition of receiving from the Trustees a good and sufficient deed of conveyance for the College edifice and lot, in fee simple, free from all conditions and restrictions whatsoever. A committee was appointed to raise the means necessary to effect this, and in 1825 the General Synod were informed that the Trustees had acceded to these terms, and that they had agreed to convey to the Synod, in their corporate capacity, all their right and title to the premises in fee simple. The committee appointed by Synod to obtain means for the purchase of this property, having been successful in their efforts, paid the debt due to the Bank of New-Brunswick, together with the interest which had accrued thereon for the space of three years and four months, cancelled the debt of $2,212 57, with the interest due from the Trustees, and received from them the deed of conveyance for the property, the whole actual consideration for the same being a little more than $12,000.

In the course of our conference, the Committee from the Board of Trustees stated that there is some defect in the "legal instrument" which the General Synod authorized to be given to the Board of Trustees in 1839, and which was executed on the 23d day of May, 1840. It was alleged that the acknowledgment of that paper was deficient. Whereupon it was agreed by your Committee, that should there be any real defect in the instrument, it should be made good and sufficient according to the true intent and meaning of the General Synod at the time of their agreeing thereto.

The fifth article of the covenant of 1807, in which it is stipulated that the Trustees shall "call without delay the Synod's Professor of Theology, as the Professor of Theology of Queen's College," was presented to the notice of the Committee of the Trustees. It was urged on the part of your Committee, that in their view, the Trustees were bound formally to appoint the present Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, the Professor of Theology in Rutgers College. It was replied to this, that in the opinion of the Trustees, the covenant of 1825 rendered an actual and formal appointment of this character unnecessary, and that no such appointment had been made by the Board since the adoption of *the covenant of 1825*. Your Committee, however, *were not altogether satisfied with* this statement, and still think

that from the tenor of the covenant of 1807, and the provision in relation to the payment of income of the old Professoral Fund to such a Professor, the formal call and appointment of said Professor by the Board of Trustees is not only proper, but necessary.

From the investigations which your Committee have been enabled to make, and the conclusions to which they have arrived, they are persuaded that many propositions in reference to the covenant relations established between the General Synod and the Board of Trustees have been made and acceded to on the part of the Synod without duly considering the full effect of the same. This has arisen from the fact that the Synod is a changeable body, and is every year composed more or less of members who have not made the various matters involved in these relations a subject of their special investigation. The Committee believe that had there been in existence, years ago, some standing committee thoroughly acquainted with all the details of these relations, to whom all business in reference to this subject could have been referred and their judgment first obtained in the premises before any definitive action on the part of the Synod, the rights and interests of the General Synod in the College, as secured by the covenant of 1825, would have been preserved inviolate. And inasmuch as important matters in relation to this business will in all probability be brought before Synod hereafter, we would recommend the appointment of such a Committee even now.

Your Committee were authorized to obtain from the Board of Trus-

the relations existing between them and the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College shall be referred, and all subjects of difference or difficulty arising from these relations; who shall report upon or adjust the same as the Synod may direct, and who shall have power to originate and recommend any measures which in their judgment may be proper, touching the relations existing between the Synod and the Board of Trustees; and if the Board of Trustees shall at any time appoint a committee for the purpose of devising plans for a closer and more harmonious connection between that body and the General Synod, such Standing Committee shall be authorized to act in such matters as a Committee of Conference on the part of the General Synod, to report annually to General Synod; and that one minister and one elder be elected each year. Provided, however, that no member of this Committee shall be a member at the same time of the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College.

3. *Resolved*, That the Board of Direction of the Corporation be instructed to take immediate measures, if possible, to collect all the subscriptions taken in behalf of the Theological Seminary, under the caption to the list or lists, dated Nov. 10th, 1831.

4. *Resolved*, That if any defect shall be found to exist in the certificate of proof of the execution of the deed from the Board of Trustees to the General Synod, or in any other point, that the Board of Trustees be requested to have such defect remedied by them in a legal manner; and that the Standing Committee on Rutgers College and the Board of Direction of the Corporation be required to attend thereto.

5. *Resolved*, That whenever the provisions of the last resolution shall be complied with, that the legal instrument heretofore given to the Trustees in regard to the use of certain parts of the College edifice be also perfected, according to the true intent and meaning of the Synod at the time of granting the same, if in any particulars it shall be found to be defective; and that the Standing Committee on Rutgers College and the Board of Direction of the Corporation attend to the execution of the same.

6. *Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees be requested to comply with the provisions of the fifth article of the covenant of 1807, and call the Rev. Dr. Van Vranken as Professor of Theology in Rutgers College, and that his call date from the time of his appointment by the Synod, as the Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology in the Theological Seminary.

7. *Resolved*, That the prosperity of the College and the interests of the Church will be advanced by the amicable settlement of the differences which for a length of time have existed between the General Synod and the Board of Trustees, and the effecting of a closer and more harmonious connection between these bodies; and that the Synod on their part will courteously and cordially act upon any overtures which the Board of Trustees may make in relation to the same.

By order of the Committee.

THOS. M. STRONG, *Chairman*.

It was referred to the Committee on Nominations, to nominate a double number of persons from whom to choose the individuals to com-

pose the Standing Committee on Rutgers College, referred to in the second resolution appended to the above report. The Committee reported, and Synod proceeded to the election. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen: Rev. Isaac Ferris, Thomas M. Strong, Benjamin C. Taylor; and the Elders, Daniel P. Ingraham and William C. Miller.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee appointed by the General Synod, at their extra session in Schenectady, in 1849, to attend to the investments of the Van Benschoten Fund, be discharged, and that any business connected with this subject that may be necessary, be referred to the Standing Committee on Rutgers College.

Resolved, unanimously, That this Synod, with entire confidence in the Trustees of Rutgers College, and a deep impression of the importance and excellence of the institution over which they preside, do earnestly recommend to all the churches under their care, to aid the Trustees in any efforts which may be made by them to increase the pecuniary endowment of the College. They also recommend the College as affording very desirable opportunities of a sound and thorough education to our youth, and as having especial claims upon families and individuals connected with the Reformed Dutch Church.

Resolved, That the members of the Committee on Rutgers College

ing, as their report on the several documents and subjects which have been referred to them.

1. The general condition of the funds under the management of the Board of Direction, is all that could be expected. That Board, with all care and regard for the best interests of the Synod, perform their work in the able manner which has from year to year called out the thanks of the Church. The collection of outstanding subscriptions is still a subject to be urged on their attention. It is to be regretted that moneys constantly needed in sustaining the interests of the Church, should be jeoparded, if not lost, by the postponement of the payment of such subscriptions. The changes in human condition, the vicissitudes of life, are such that the appeal is direct and strong to those who love the Church, to save her promptly from any diminution or loss of what was pledged for her welfare. The Synod would urge the continuation of their efforts on the Board to collect every subscription, and join their solicitations to the subscribers in all kindness and love, to meet the wishes of the Church in this important matter.

2. The debt of the Synod, it is noticed with regret, has not been paid, and this must become a more painful matter under the ordinary action of the Synod. It is easy to vote in our annual sessions the payment of moneys, but if our plans for securing the necessary sums in the hands of the Treasurer are not carried out faithfully, it is plain, our difficulties must increase. It is believed, however, that if every minister and consistory will attend to the collection of something annually, our ordinary deficiencies will be met.

Your Committee have given attention to the plan of liquidation, suggested in the report of the Board of Direction, and believe it cannot fail of accomplishing all we ask, if the Classes will lend their co-operation. The debt is one of the whole Church, and it is equitable and just that it should be parcelled among all sections, to be provided for according to their ability. It is believed, that there are brethren in various parts of the Church, who have come into her communion since the former efforts were made for the endowment of her funds, who will feel a pleasure in contributing to the removal of present claims, and the increase of the principal of the Church. Your Committee recommend the following:—

Resolved, That the Board of Direction are empowered and urged to carry out the plan for raising means for removing the debt of the Synod, and increasing the funds of the Church, suggested in their report; and the several Classes are earnestly and affectionately solicited to co-operate in its accomplishment.

Resolved, That in order to meet the incidental expenses of the Board, the plan recommended by the Synod in 1848 at Kingston is hereby re-enacted, and that the Board of Direction use all due efforts to give it permanence in the Church.

3. It appears from the Treasurer's Report, that due attention is not paid to payment for printed Minutes, furnished to the several Classes; only thirteen having paid anything, and some of these, the largest in the Church, only *small sums*. *This is* one of the sources of our em-

barrassment, and should be promptly removed. If it is desirable to be supplied with the Minutes of the action of this Synod, the necessary means should be furnished. Your Committee recommend the following as necessary in the circumstances:—

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod furnish a full account of what is due for Minutes of Synod, by each Classis, to each Stated Clerk, and that the several Classes are hereby urged to give their early attention to provision for meeting their indebtedness for Minutes.

4. The Van Benschoten and Knox Funds have sustained, either in whole or in part, during the year past, eight young men; of these two, on the former, are expected to be licensed the coming summer. Your Committee have observed that the interest is unpaid on several of the investments of the Van Benschoten Fund. It is judged sufficient to call the attention of the Trustees of Rutgers College to this fact, as they will feel the importance of promptly collecting the interest as it becomes due. The amount now unpaid would more than sustain another student in preparing for the ministry.

5. Your Committee have carefully examined the document from the Classis of Schoharie, concerning the payment of the expenses of the Board of Superintendents, and feel the force of several of the considerations stated.

It is obvious that the burden must fall unequally, the Classes least able to bear it having most to bear. In the present embarrassed state of the Treasury, it has been feared the rescinding of the act of the Synod of 1849 might add to the difficulties already experienced. Still, as

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

PREVAILING SINS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

The Eighteenth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions was presented and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Nineteenth Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions of the General Synod was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Treasurer's Report of the Board of Domestic Missions was presented, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Rev. R. Ormiston Currie preached the sermon on the subject of Domestic Missions, on the evening of the second day of the session, from Psalm xiv. 7: "*Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion.*"

The Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff preached the sermon in behalf of Foreign Missions, on the evening of the fifth day of the session, from John iii. 30: "*He must increase, but I must decrease.*"

The Committee on Missions reported, and their Report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Missions respectfully present the following Report:—

I. FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions presents few facts that require the attention of Synod, but those few are of the highest importance in our deliberation.

Mr. and Mrs. Doty are pursuing their labors at Amoy with zealous devotion and encouraging prospects. The mission chapel, so intimately connected with the memory of our beloved brother Pohlman, is

very convenient edifice and of great importance for the missionary work. A good beginning has been made. A few converts have been gathered into the church. The native population are easy of access, and the facilities for missionary enterprise are constantly increasing. On this point the statements of Mr. Talmage, while in this country, are exceedingly interesting and encouraging. Mr. Talmage and his wife are now on their return voyage to China, having left in March last. Rev. J. W. Schenck and wife, who had expected to accompany Mr. Talmage, have been detained in this country, in consequence of the sudden and severe illness of Mrs. Schenck, just on the eve of their departure. For the present, by medical advice, their missionary engagement has been relinquished.

The severe ordeal through which this mission has been called to pass, its bereavements, the overwhelming duties under which the lone laborers now engaged are nobly bearing up, the encouragements of the station, the local importance of Amoy in the present state of China and the world, the attitude of the heathen, with this last disappointment in the attempt at adding new laborers to our broken band, and the general claims of the cause, combine to bring home to the heart of our whole Church appeals which she cannot think of resisting so long as the heathen thus plead for the bread of life, and the cross of Christ can supply her with an adequate motive.

The *Borneo* station is for the present deprived of all its laborers. Mr. and Mrs. Youngblood have returned to their native land, after thirteen years of labor and sufferings for Jesus' sake. Fears are entertained

crisis such as we have never before been called to meet. And the providence of God has brought us face to face with all its momentous issues.

Like the cloud that led Israel on, it has a bright as well as a dark side. The views of our missionaries on this point are unequivocal, and should have full weight with our minds, and be spread clearly before the churches.

All of Mr. Steele's arrangements have been made with a view to his return to his station. The mission property has been so disposed of that it will be ready for reoccupancy at any moment. We have committed ourselves before God, and the world, and the Church, to Borneo and the Dyaks. We have done too much to abandon that field. The Dyaks have not persecuted our missionaries; they have not driven them away; they have not rejected the truth; their consciences are with it; they are easily accessible; they have treated our brethren with uniform kindness and confidence.

Whence, then, have come this long series of trials, this dismantling of our prophets, this scattering of our missionary dust? It is not the Dyak. It is not the Malay. It is God, working inscrutably, who has done it. *for the trial of our faith* and the *glory of his name.* Is this then a reason why we should even think of withdrawing the gospel from a people to whom we have once extended it? Shall we say, You have rejected it thus far, and now we will leave you to starve on without the gospel, and wander and perish? Has the time come, has the cause arisen, which will justify us in shaking off the dust of our feet against them?

Your Committee feel that they cannot thus interpret the providence which has brought us to this crisis; nor can they recommend a course which might seem like usurping the province of Him who alone may give a sinner up to judicial blindness and hardness of heart.

Another reason, bearing directly on this point, is found in the injury which would be done to the *Malay* population, by the withdrawal of our missionaries. Upon the opening of the Chinese ports, subsequent to the opium war, the London Missionary Society withdrew its missionaries from the Malay population, and sent them to China. The effect on the Malays has been most unhappy, and this result will be aggravated should we pursue the same course. We should guard against making any impression on their minds that Christians are not in earnest in sending the gospel to them. It will only make them more unapproachable at another day, in addition to the many other evils necessarily consequent upon such a step.

These are only a few of the reasons which control your Committee's views. The statements of Mr. Steele are doubtless appreciated by those who have heard his affecting appeals. The whole Church should be made acquainted with these facts and reasonings; our pastors should take them up and urge them; and it is to be hoped that at the monthly concert for prayer, special reference will be had to these absorbing claims. We are persuaded that when properly stated and urged, in the spirit of prayer, whether by pastors themselves, or the beloved missionaries *who are now with us, under* the blessing of the Holy Ghost, *they will go far to awaken and keep* up that true missionary spirit

which we so much need. It is but the spirit of Christ, and we all need to feel and act upon the persuasion that the missionary character is not something distinct from the ministerial, but only an integral part of it. Our people, too, must be brought to realize that its claims are ever upon them, and that it is not only to be thought of and spoken upon in connection with a collection. We want that spirit which will ever supremely regard and act upon it as a matter of Christian principle and individual duty.

The Committee feel that the state of our missions makes a peculiarly powerful appeal to the beloved youth in our Theological Seminary. To them almost exclusively must we look for the reinforcement of the stations. The mysterious providence by which one of their number, Samuel D. Scudder, consecrated to the same great cause in which his beloved parents have toiled for thirty years, with one of whom he entered through the gate into the city, has been removed, gives a sad but weighty emphasis to these reiterated calls. Let the prayers of the whole Church arise in their behalf, that they may be endued with the spirit of the Saviour, and that they may become followers of those who from heathen lands have gone up to inherit the promises.

To the expression of sympathy contained in the report of the Board with our beloved brother Dr. Scudder, in his recent bereavements, the Committee would add their own and the Synod's Christian condolence, and earnest prayers for the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit to accompany him and his in their passage through the deep waters.

The state of the treasury is encouraging. The receipts during the

interest, and urge that every proper effort be made for securing this result.

II. DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

1. Number of churches that have received aid for the whole or part of the year, including those of the Holland Colony in Michigan—50.

2. Number of missionary stations that have received support during the whole or a part of the year—8.

3. Number of new missionary stations—5.

4. Number of churches that have ceased to ask aid from the Board—8.

5. Number of churches and missionary stations that have been aided or sustained during part of the year, and applications from which for a renewal of appointments and appropriations are now lying upon the table on account of the embarrassed state of the treasury—13.

6. Number of churches and missionary stations that have become and are now vacant—8.

7. Of all the above there are in the State of

			Pennsylvania,	1
"	"	"	New-Jersey,	15
"	"	"	New-York,	36
"	"	"	Michigan,	14
"	"	"	Indiana,	1
"	"	"	Illinois,	4
			Total,	71

There are in the hands of the Treasurer orders lying unpaid, for want of funds, to the amount of $1,600.

The statements communicated from the churches and missionary stations furnish matter for gratitude to the Head of the Church, and incitement to a vigorous and persevering prosecution of the missionary work. The field is large; the destitute condition of vast multitudes in our own land, and the momentous interests involved in the work of missions, call us as a Church to awake from our slumber and at the bidding of our glorious Leader to labor in this work of the Lord, assured that our labor shall not be in vain in the Lord. The Board of Missions state that there has been a more general attention to informing the Board by the pastors and missionaries who have received aid than at any previous time. The reports, with very few exceptions, indicate an encouraging degree of progress in the spiritual state of the people, in their ability and willingness to support the gospel, in the desire to engage in our benevolent operations, and in all that pertains to the growth and permanency of a Christian Church.

Eight churches, hitherto aided by the Board, have informed them that they require no further aid in sustaining the gospel. The operations of the Board have been extended to several new and inviting fields. The Holland brethren were considered as presenting peculiar claims, and the Board deemed it proper to send a special agent to visit such as had settled in New-York, Michigan, and Wisconsin, to ascertain their state, character, and prospects. I. N. Wyckoff, D. D., was duly commissioned, and has furnished an interesting and encouraging state-

ment, which led the Board to make the necessary arrangements to aid them in their efforts to establish the gospel.

At South Bend, in Indiana, a minister has been settled, and measures are now in progress for the erection of a church; and pastor and people are cheered with a reasonable prospect of seeing a church established which from its location must exert a happy influence on the surrounding country.

The Board have at the request of the people assumed the charge of Alexandria Bay or the Thousand Isles, a missionary station which originated and was supported in a great degree by private benevolence. A church is erected, and hopes are entertained that the gospel will be firmly established.

The attention of the Board has been directed to Cincinnati, Ohio. This important place seems to furnish a field which ought to be occupied as speedily as practicable. The Corresponding Secretary, by direction of the Board, visited that city, and gave on his return a minute and encouraging statement. As this will probably be published in its details, a passing notice will be all that is required. The position of this place, which must become the central point of our western missionary operations, renders our movements a matter of deep interest. The Board have hitherto been unsuccessful in obtaining a man whose qualifications are adapted to that position.

The Committee have considered the communication of Mr. William Giffing in relation to the establishment of a new Reformed Dutch

state. Time is required for the Board to mature their plans and carry out the comprehensive arrangements contemplated by the General Synod.

The Rev. R. O. Currie, who was elected Corresponding Secretary of this Board by the last General Synod, at a salary of $2,000 per annum, declined the appointment under the sanction of the resolution passed at the same session of the Synod. (See Minutes, 1849, page 505.) To meet this contingency, the Board of Missions unanimously elected the Rev. John Garretson to the office. It was the intention of the Board to offer the same salary to him. Mr. Garretson however accepted the appointment only on condition of a very material reduction in the amount of compensation. In view of his devotion to the interests of this cause and liberality, the Board appointed a Committee to confer with Mr. G. on the subject, and unanimously adopted the amount of compensation agreed upon, viz., $1300, with travelling expenses. In view of the whole case, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That this Synod do hereby approve of this appointment, and do most cordially recommend said Secretary to the confidence of the churches.

The Board in their movements have manifested a high degree of activity and zeal in the work assigned them. Their efforts have exhibited a deep sense of their responsibilities, which, while it ought to inspire the confidence, ought also to insure the cordial co-operation of all the churches.

It appears that some Classes conduct missionary operations independently of the Synod's Board. They have discovered a commendable liberality in aiding feeble churches and supplying the destitute. Yet, as the organization of the Synod was designed to exercise a supervision over all the missionary operations of the Church, it would seem requisite that the Synod's Board should be the medium through which such efforts should be conducted. It is important that unity should be visible in all our movements. Thus the exertions of the Church would be concentrated, social sympathy exhibited, and a corresponding increase of efficiency in our missionary exertions. It should be generally understood that all the applications to the Board must be recommended by the several Classes; and their views and suggestions are carefully regarded.

While we would be truly thankful for mercies received, and exclaim, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us"—while we deem the advances made as new arguments for enlarged, persevering effort, we are pained to state that there is a lamentable deficiency both of *funds and men.*

Great circumspection has been shown by the Board in the choice of locations, and the degree of aid afforded. While they aim at encouraging personal exertions and calling forth the energies of the people, they thus avoid ministering to cupidity and creating an unnecessary dependence on the liberality of the Church. The Board have encountered difficulties by the want of funds necessary to meet their appropriations. Their action has been embarrassed, new applications for aid are still *lying on their table* not acted on, and ministers have been *actually suffering, and in some cases* to extremity, by this defi-

ciency in the Treasury, for which the faith of the entire Church has been solemnly pledged.

There is a want of men disposed and fitted "to bear the heat and burden of the day." "More than *twenty* of our churches and stations, under the care of the Board, are now vacant." There is a want of the active consecration demanded by the providence of God in the disciples of Him who "was moved with compassion when he saw the multitude as sheep having no shepherd."

The Board have sought in a great degree in vain for persons to supply the destitute. The churches are called to awake to a higher sense of the claims of a lost world. The diffusion of a missionary spirit among our churches would be the best indication of spiritual health, a pledge that the responsibilities of our position as a Church were recognized and felt; and as a consummation devoutly to be wished, there would result a readiness for every good word and work.

As interpreters of the signs of the times, the command of Christ, "Go preach the gospel to every creature," presses powerfully on the Church. We are engaged in no doubtful enterprise. Trials of faith and patience are necessary accompaniments of all our exertions. The varied dispensations through which we have passed and are passing seem designed to deepen our sense of dependence on God, to test our earnestness, and invigorate our faith in the certainty of a final and permanent triumph of truth and holiness. "For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following persons were elected, viz.:—Rev. Isaac Ferris, John M. Macauley, George H. Fisher, and Messrs. William B. Crosby, Walter W. Townsend, and William Mandeville in the place of William R. Thompson, who has resigned his seat.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Domestic Missions whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were chosen, viz.:—Rev. George H. Fisher, John Garretson, James Scott, Daniel Lord, Isaac N. Wyckoff, and Messrs. Peter D. Vroom, George W. Morris, and Stephen Garretson.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect individuals to preach the Annual Missionary Sermons, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the Rev. Alphonso A. Willets was chosen *primarius* to preach the sermon on the subject of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. Jeremiah S. Lord, *secundus*; the Rev. James A. H. Cornell, was chosen *primarius* to preach the sermon in behalf of Domestic Missions, and the Rev. William W. Halloway, *secundus*.

ARTICLE XIX.

WIDOWS' FUND.

The Committee on the Widows' Fund reported, and their report is as follows:—

The Committee on the Widows' Fund beg leave respecfully to report: That the only documents referred to them are the Treasurer's annual account, and the list of clerical subscribers, and the Annual Digest. In these the following facts appear:—

That the present value of the Fund is	$12,260 00
There has been added to the principal this year	189 75
Amount of distributive income for the year included, including a balance of $182 14 from last year	1,989 72
Amount paid or chargeable in the current year to 10 annuitants	1,575 00
Only 3 have withdrawn a sum of	340 00

That only three churches have made collections to be added to the Fund, viz.: Market street and Collegiate in New-York, and the First Ref. Dutch church of New-Brunswick. That of the three hundred and more ministers of the Church, only fifty-six are now paying members of the Fund. Nine have reached eleven or twelve payments. Of the forty-seven who have subscribed subsequently to the commencement of the Fund, thirteen have just reached five, six, or seven years; nine have subscribed four years since; eight, three years; eleven, two years; eight, one year. Of *these fifty-six existing* subscribers, only eight are known *or supposed to be brethren* who have been so favored in

Divine Providence, as to have no present apprehension of occasion to need the resource of this Fund.

The Committee have entered into this analysis of the state of the Fund, for the purpose of bringing out this painful fact into broad and strong light, that there must be some strong, general, and prevailing objection to the plan of the Fund, which not only repels the brotherly charity of that portion of the ministry having private means from helping the cause of their less favored brethren, but even prevents many, who need the benefit of the institution, from making the necessary sacrifice to avail themselves of it. Now your Committee would beg leave, unblamed, to ask, whether it would not be more in the spirit of unity and fraternity, for brethren, who think they see defects in the institution, to remain and aid its amendment, than to withdraw their countenance and their contribution, and so discredit the foundation and bring the counsel of the Synod to naught? Your Committee feel that the day is long gone by in which it was necessary to plead the utility of such an institution. The ancient churches appreciated its value. Almost all the existing denominations of Christians have given great prominence to such a foundation. The fact that not many rich are called to the ministry, and that the scanty salaries of almost all the ministers make such a refuge in the day of sickness and widowhood, a necessity of comfort and hope. Your Committee have therefore prayerfully studied the question, What is the defect of the plan? What can be done to enlist the aid of the richer brethren, and

After the most careful investigation, the majority of the Committee are not sure that they can suggest any practicable or desirable alteration in the plan.

Mutability of counsel has been one strong objection to the system. The Synod did therefore enact, in their session of 1848, that no essential alteration should be made in the plan, without the consent of every one interested in it. Now it cannot be hoped or expected, that annuitants who are now receiving $200 per annum would consent to a reduction of one half or even one quarter, except when the increase of annuitants made it necessary. It is also known that a number of the original and firmest friends of the institution are opposed to any change, and would withdraw if it were made.

But even if all those interested would consent, it is questionable whether a low rate of premium, say $10 per annum, and a proportionately lower rate of annuity, say $100 per annum, or a rule to prevent the withdrawment of the premium, would upon the whole be desirable. True, the premium could more easily be paid; but an annuity of $100, though by no means to be despised, yet would be quite too slender a resource for the day of want and distress. It does appear plainly better to struggle for the $20 per annum, than to lose the revenue of $200. The plan of Synod moreover gives the right to any who wish it, to subscribe and receive proportionally. If then it were practicable to suggest an arrangement, by which every minister could have his premium paid without drawing on his existing resources, would it remove the whole difficulty? Now your Committee submit that this can probably be done. Let an agent, some one of the emeriti, if it were possible, or some one of the brethren without charge, or any other suitable person, be appointed to visit all the congregations, with this primary errand—in every church to secure in the best manner the payment of this annual premium, for their minister. This agent might at the same time be charged to raise as much for the permanent part of the Fund as possible, according to the suggestion of necessity by the Board of Corporation. And who can tell but, by the blessing of God and the hearty aid of all the brethren, he might double the Fund? Your Committee would therefore respectfully submit the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod have unabated confidence in the stability and value of the Relief Fund.

2. That it is a source of deep regret, that any brother should, without the most imperative reasons, withdraw his deposits and his subscription from the Fund.

3. That all the ministers of the Church be earnestly entreated to lay aside their objections, and yielding to the convictions of the majority, give to this cause their subscriptions and most hearty co-operation.

4. That the Board of Corporation be empowered and requested, as soon as possible, to employ an agent charged with the duty of securing if possible, in every congregation, the payment of $20 annually, for the purpose of constituting their pastor P. V. a member of the Relief Fund, and to *collect as much as* possible to increase the general Fund.

Respectfully submitted.

I. N. WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XX.

PARTICULARIA.

The communication containing the bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

Statements having been presented to the Synod in relation to the establishing of a church in connection with this Synod, at Waterloo, N. Y., and that the indications in reference to the same were favorable, it was

Resolved, That the statements thus made be referred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. A B. Winfield and William R. S. Betts, and the Elder, Jacob T. Lansing.

The Committtee reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee appointed to inquire into the state of affairs relative to constituting a Reformed Dutch church in the village of Waterloo, Seneca co., N. Y., would respectfully report, that they have examined into the state of the case, and have been enabled to gather the following facts, viz.: That there are at least fifteen families formerly connected with our Church, and still attached to her doctrines and usages, who are de-

Resolved, That this Synod deeply sympathize with our returned missionaries, Rev. Messrs. Youngblood and Steele, in their impaired health, and earnestly implore the Great Head of the Church for their early restoration; and that the Synod will spend a season of prayer in this behalf.

After the passage of the above resolution, Synod engaged in a season of devotional exercises particularly directed to this object.

Whereas, the treasury of the General Synod has not the means of paying the existing debt, and of meeting the contingent expenses of the Synod; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That a Committee, consisting of one from each Classis here represented, be appointed to assess upon each Classis a sum proportionate to the number and ability of the churches, and sufficient to meet the existing debt, and the contingent expenses of the Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That said amount be paid into the treasury of the Synod, on or before the 1st day of May of each year.

It was referred to the Committee on Nominations to nominate the Committee contemplated in the above resolution. The Committee reported the following persons to constitute this Committee, who were accordingly appointed:—Rev. Messrs. J. Knox, I. Ferris, G. Schenck, B. C. Taylor, G. C. Schanck, I. D. Cole, M. N. McLaren, R. L. Schoonmaker, F. M. Kip, A. A. Willets, J. Gosman, G. G. Sill, I. N. Wyckoff, W. J. R. Taylor, E. Holmes, R. Wells, U. Marvin, G. L. Roof, C. H. Stitt, A. B. Winfield, J. B. Alliger, J. L. See, O. H. Gregory.

The Committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee appointed to distribute among the several Classes an amount adequate to pay the existing debt of the Synod, and meet the contingent expenses of the current year, submit the following, with the recommendation that measures be taken (for the present year) by the Classes at the *fall sessions*, to secure the collection of the amounts referred to them respectively, and cause the same to be paid into the treasury before the first of January next.

Classis of New-York,	$800
South Classis of New-York,	300
New-Brunswick,	550
Bergen,	300
Passaic,	100
Paramus,	250
South Classis of Long Island,	250
North Classis *of Long Island*,	160

Philadelphia,	$300
Poughkeepsie,	300
Hudson,	150
Illinois,	5
Albany,	350
Ulster,	300
Rensselaer,	150
Washington,	75
Montgomery,	200
Schoharie,	100
Schenectady,	200
Cayuga,	200
Orange,	250
Greene,	125
Watervliet,	75
Michigan,	5
Holland,	5

Resolved, That it be earnestly enjoined upon the ministers and consistories of the churches under the care of this Synod, to cause collections to be taken up in their respective churches, at least once in each year, for the following objects, to wit: For the Foreign and Domestic Missionary Boards; for the Education Board; and for the Sabbath-school Union of our Church.

the expenses of the Committee on the covenant relations between the Synod and the Trustees of Rutgers College.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be directed to send to each of the Classes, so as to reach them previous to their fall meetings, circular letters, calling their special attention to the action of Synod in respect to the liquidation of its debt, and meeting its current contingent expenses.

Resolved, That it be left to the discretion of the Stated Clerk, to fix the price to be charged for the Minutes of the present session.

ARTICLE XXI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

The Synod heard the Rev. Mr. Foote, agent of the American Tract Society, on the interests of that institution, on the second day of the session.

The Rev. Mr. Pinney, the Secretary of the New-York State Colonization Society, addressed the Synod, at his request, on the seventh day of the session, on the operations of that Society. Whereupon,

Resolved, That this Synod have heard of the great and rapidly growing interest in this great field of charity, manifested by the vote of an annual appropriation of $20,000 in one State, and the increased contributions in all the States, as also by the increasing numbers of free colored men who offer themselves, and of slaves offered by their masters, for emigration to the colony of Liberia, with the highest satisfaction.

Resolved, That this Synod continue to regard this institution with the same favor which they have shown by their approving and commending resolutions through many consecutive years, and hope our Church will continue to take a leading part in supporting it.

Resolved, That it be recommended to all the churches to take up a collection in aid of the funds of this Society, on the Sabbath nearest to the fourth of July, or at any other convenient time.

ARTICLE XXII.

PASTORAL LETTER.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Accounts respectfully report: That the only matter referred to them during the session of Synod, is the door-keeper's bill, amounting to $18 75, which they recommend to be paid.

ISAAC D. COLE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish one thousand copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be presented to the families who have entertained the members of Synod, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have been received by them.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be presented to the ministers and consistories of the Ref. Prot. Dutch churches of Poughkeepsie,

Appendix.

Appendix.

THE CHARTER OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE,

IN NEW-JERSEY.

GEORGE the Third, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

Whereas our loving subjects being of the Protestant Reformed religion, according to the Constitution of the Reformed churches in the United Provinces, and using the discipline of the said churches, as approved and instituted by the National Synod of Dort, in the years one thousand six hundred and eighteen, and one thousand six hundred and nineteen, are in this and the neighboring Provinces very numerous, consisting of many churches and religious assemblies, the ministers and elders of which having taken into serious consideration the manner in which the said churches might be properly supplied with an able, learned and well qualified ministry; and thinking it necessary, and being very desirous that a College might be erected for that purpose within this our Province of New-Jersey, in which the learned languages and other branches of useful knowledge may be taught, and degrees conferred; and especially that young men of suitable abilities may be instructed in divinity, preparing them for the ministry, and supplying the necessity of the churches; for themselves and in behalf of their churches, presented a petition to our trusty and well beloved WILLIAM FRANKLIN, Esq., Governor and Commander-in-chief, in and over our Province of New-Jersey, in America; setting forth that the inconveniences are manifold and the expenses heavy, in either being supplied with ministers of the gospel from foreign parts, or sending young men abroad for education; that the present and *increasing* necessity for a considerable number to *be employed in the ministry*, is great; that a preservation

of a fund for the necessary uses of instruction very much depends upon a charter;

And therefore humbly entreat, that some persons might be incorporated in a body politic, for the purposes aforesaid; and we being willing to grant the reasonable request and prayer of the said petitioners, and to promote learning for the benefit of the community, and advancement of the Protestant religion of all denominations; and more especially to remove as much as possible the necessity our said loving subjects have hitherto been under, of sending their youth intended for the ministry to a foreign country for education, and of being subordinate to a foreign ecclesiastical jurisdiction:

Know ye therefore, that considering the premises, we do of our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, by these presents, will, ordain, grant, and constitute, that there be a College, called *Queen's College*, erected in our said Province of New-Jersey, for the education of youth in the learned languages, liberal and useful arts and sciences, and especially in divinity; preparing them for the ministry, and other good offices. And that the Trustees of the said College, and their successors for ever, may and shall be one body corporate and politic, in deed, fact and name; and shall be called, known, and distinguished by the name of the *Trustees of Queen's College*, in New-Jersey. And we having further willed and constituted, and by these presents of our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, do for us, our heirs and successors, will, give, grant, constitute and ordain, that there shall be from henceforth for ever, a body politic, consisting of the *Trustees*

Majesty Queen Anne, entitled, for the improvement of the union of the two kingdoms, as after the time therein limited, requires the delivery of certain lists and copies therein mentioned to persons indicted of high treason, or misprision of treason;" as also, that they make and subscribe the declaration mentioned in an act of Parliament, made in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of King Charles the Second, entitled, "An Act for preventing dangers which may happen from Popish recusants;" and likewise take an oath for faithfully executing the office or trust reposed in them; which said oaths shall be administered to them by any one of our Justices of the Supreme Court, or Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of this our colony of New-Jersey. And when, and as often as any new member or officer shall be elected or chosen hereafter, pursuant to this our charter, he or they so elected or chosen, shall take and subscribe the aforementioned oaths and declarations in the manner above directed, before his admission into his trust or office. And we do will and direct, that the first meeting of the said Trustees shall be at or near the Court House in New-Barbadoes, in the county of Bergen, on the second Tuesday in May next, but all other meetings hereafter to be held, shall be at such times and places in our said colony, as the majority of the Trustees from time to time shall think proper. And we do will and direct that no meeting of the Trustees, succeeding the first already fixed, shall be valid, or legal, for doing any business whatsoever, unless public notice of such meeting shall have been given in the Gazette, or other public papers printed in New-York, at least three weeks before the day of meeting, signed by the President or person officiating as clerk to the Trustees, for the time being; or unless the time and place shall be fixed by the majority of the Trustees, at their last meeting, and notice thereof given as before directed.

And we further will and grant, that the said Trustees, or any twelve, or greater number, shall have full power and authority to elect by ballot, and not otherwise, any number of persons or Trustees, at any, and upon any vacancy, so that the whole number of Trustees do not exceed forty-one, and that not above one third of the said number at any time be of those ordained ministers of the gospel; and that at their first and every meeting, the Governor of our colony for the time being shall be President of the Trustees, and in his absence, the President of our Council, and in his absence, our Chief Justice, and in his absence, our Attorney General, each for the time being; and in case of their absence, we will, and order, that the Trustees present shall elect and choose one from among themselves, who shall be President of the Trustees at that meeting; which said President herein before appointed, or so chosen, is hereby authorized and empowered to be President of the Trustees at the said meeting; to regulate their proceedings, take in suffrages, and have, over and above his vote as a Trustee, a casting vote, when the votes of the Trustees are equal. And we further of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, for us, our heirs and successors, will, give, grant, and appoint, that the said Trustees and their successors shall for ever hereafter be in deed, fact, and name, a body corporate and politic, *and that they*, the said body corporate and politic, shall *be known and distinguished* in all deeds, grants, bargains,

sales, writings, evidences, moniments, or otherwise however, and in all courts for ever hereafter, shall and may sue, and be sued, plead, and be impleaded, by the name of the *Trustees of Queen's College* in New-Jersey; and that the said corporation by the name aforesaid, shall be able, and in law capable, for the use of the said College, to have, get, acquire, purchase, receive and possess, lands, tenements, hereditaments, jurisdictions, and franchises, for themselves and their successors, in fee simple or otherwise howsoever; and to purchase, receive, or build any house, or houses, or any other buildings, as they shall think needful and convenient, for the use of the said *Queen's College;* and in such place or places in this our colony of New-Jersey, as they the said Trustees, or the major part of them, met as aforesaid, shall agree upon; and also to receive any goods and chattels, lands or tenements, for the use aforesaid: and also to have, accept, and receive any rents, profits, annuities, gifts, legacies, donations, and bequests, of any kind whatsoever, for the use aforesaid: Nevertheless, that the yearly clear value of the premises do not exceed the sum of three thousand pounds sterling; and therewith or otherwise to support and pay (as the said Trustees and their successors, or the major part of them, which regularly convene for that purpose, shall agree and see cause) the President, professors, tutors, and other officers or ministers of the said *Queen's College*, their respective annual salaries or allowances, and all such other necessary and contingent charges, as from time to time shall arise and accrue relating to the said *Queen's College*. And also to grant, bargain, sell, let, or assign, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, or chattels, and con-

for ever hereafter, do elect, nominate, and appoint such a qualified person, being a member of the Dutch Reformed Church aforesaid, as they or the major part of any twelve of them, convened for that purpose as above directed, shall think fit, to be the President of the said College; and to have the immediate care of the education and government of such students as shall be sent and admitted into the said College for education and instruction; and shall and may, by and with the consent of the majority of the said Trustees as aforesaid, confer all such honorary degrees as usually are granted and conferred in any of our Colleges in any of our colonies in America.

And also, that the said Trustees do elect, nominate and appoint a Professor in Divinity who shall and may read lectures in theology, instruct the students in the science of divine truths and the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, who also may be President of the College, or not, as the Trustees shall see meet and convenient; and also such a number of other Professors and tutors, to assist the President of the said College in the education and government of the students belonging to it, as they, the said Trustees, or their successors, or the major part of them, which shall convene for that purpose, as above directed, shall from time to time, and at any time hereafter, think necessary for the advantage and well-being of the said College. Provided always, and it is hereby declared and expressly enjoined, that there shall always be, residing at or near said College, at least one Professor or teacher well versed in the English language, elected, nominated, maintained and supported by the said corporation, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, grammatically to instruct the students of the said College in the knowledge of the English language. Provided also, that all minutes of the meetings and transactions of the Trustees, and all rules, orders and regulations relating to the government of the said College, and all accounts relating to the receipts and payments of money, shall be in the English language, and no other.

And we do hereby further give and grant to the said Trustees and their successors, or the major part of any twelve of them, convened for that purpose as above directed, full power and authority, at any time to displace and discharge from the service of the said *Queen's College* such President, Professor of Divinity, Professors and tutors, and to elect others in their room and stead. And also, that the said Trustees or their successors as above directed, do, from time to time as occasion shall require, elect, constitute and appoint a Treasurer, (which Treasurer shall give security to the Trustees for the faithful performance of his office, for such sum and in such manner as the said Trustees shall see fit to require,) a Clerk and Steward for the said College, and shall likewise appoint to them, and each of them, their respective business and trusts, and displace and discharge from the service of said College such Treasurer, Clerk or Steward, and elect others in their room and stead; which President, Professor of Divinity, tutors, Professors, Treasurer, Clerk and Steward, so elected and appointed, We do for us, our heirs and successors, by these presents constitute and establish in their several offices, and do give them and every of them full power and authority to exercise the *same in the said Queen's College*, in New-Jersey, according *to the direction and during the* pleasure of the said Trustees,

as fully and freely as any other the like officers in any of our Colleges in our realm of Great Britain, lawfully may or ought to do. And also, that the said Trustees and their successors, in the manner above directed, as often as the place of any one or more of the said Trustees shall become vacant by the death, removal, or immoral conduct of any one of the members, (which conduct shall be determined by the Trustees, or the majority of them,) shall and may elect and appoint, in the manner before directed, such other Trustee or Trustees, to supply the place of him or them so dying, or otherwise becoming unfit or incapable to serve the said College; and every Trustee so elected and appointed, shall, by virtue of these presents and of such election and appointment, be vested with all the powers and privileges, which any of the other Trustees of the said College are hereby invested with. And we do further of our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, will, give and grant, and by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, do give and grant unto the said *Trustees of the said Queen's College*, in New-Jersey, that they and their successors, convened for that purpose as above directed, may make, and they are hereby fully empowered, from time to time, freely and fully to make and establish such ordinances, orders and laws, as may tend to the good wholesome government of the said College, and all the students and the several officers and ministers thereof, and to the public benefit of the same, not repugnant to the laws and statutes of our realm of Great Britain, or of this, our province of New-Jersey: and such ordinances, orders and laws which shall be so made as aforesaid, we do by these presents, for

ody, with all other writings, as they shall appoint. And we do further for us, our heirs and successors, give and grant unto the said *Trustees of Queen's College*, in New-Jersey, and their successors, or any twelve of them, as above said, full power and authority, from time to time, to nominate and appoint all other inferior officers and ministers which they shall judge necessary for the use of the College, not herein particularly named or mentioned; which officers or ministers we do hereby empower to execute their offices or trusts, as fully and freely as any other the like officers and ministers in any of our Colleges, in our realm of Great Britain, lawfully may or ought to do. And lastly, our express will and pleasure is, and we do by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, give and grant unto the *Trustees of Queen's College*, in New-Jersey, and their successors for ever, that these, our letters patent, or the enrolment thereof, shall be good and effectual in law, to all intents and purposes, against us, our heirs and successors, without any other license, grant or confirmation from us, our heirs and successors, hereafter by the said Trustees to be had and obtained. Notwithstanding the not reciting or misreciting, or not naming or misnaming of the aforesaid officers, franchises, privileges, immunities, or other the premises, or any of them, and notwithstanding a writ of *Ad Quod Damnum* hath not issued forth to inquire of the premises, or any of them, before the ensealing hereof, any statute, act, ordinance, provision, or any other matter or thing to the contrary, notwithstanding: To have, hold and enjoy all and singular the privileges, advantages, liberties, immunities, and all other the premises herein or hereby granted and given, or which are meant, mentioned, or intended to be herein and hereby granted, unto them, the said *Trustees of the said Queen's College*, in New-Jersey, and to their successors for ever. In testimony whereof we have caused these, our letters, to be made patent, and the great seal of our said province of New-Jersey to be hereunto affixed. Witness, our trusty and well-beloved WILLIAM FRANKLIN, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-chief of our said province of New-Jersey, this twentieth day of March, in the tenth year of our reign, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy.

An Act

RELATIVE TO QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

PASSED MAY 31ST, 1799.

I. WHEREAS William Franklin, Esq., late Governor of the then province of New-Jersey, by his charter, bearing date the twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy, did establish a College, by the name of Queen's College, in the said province; and whereas, the Trustees of said College have, by their petition, prayed that the said charter, with certain alterations and amendments, may be confirmed; Therefore, *Be it enacted by the Council and General Assembly of this State, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, and the oath of allegiance to this State, as by law prescribed, be substituted in the place of the oaths required by the said

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT

ENTITLED,

"An Act Relative to Queen's College."

Passed November 30, 1825.

Whereas the Trustees of Queen's College, in New-Jersey, have represented to the Legislature, that certain amendments to their charter would be conducive to their convenience; and, moreover, requesting that the name by which said institution is known may be changed: Therefore,

1. BE IT ENACTED *by the Council and General Assembly of this State, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the Trustees of said College be, and they are hereby authorized to hold their annual commencement for the institution over which they preside, on such day and at such time as they may think proper to appoint for that purpose, anything in their charter of incorporation contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the said Trustees be, and they are hereby authorized to meet for the transaction of any business, either upon adjournment or otherwise, upon such day and at such time or times as they may appoint, without the necessity of advertising such meeting in any public newspaper, as heretofore, any provision in their charter of incorporation contained, or of any supplement or amendment thereto, to the contrary notwithstanding.

3. *And be it enacted,* That the name of "Queen's College," in their charter of incorporation contained, be, and the same is hereby changed to that of "Rutgers College;" and that the said corporation shall, from and after the passing of this act, be known and designated by the name and style of "The Trustees of Rutgers College in New-Jersey:" *Provided nevertheless,* that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to affect or in any wise impair any contract, specialty, deed, mortgage, or other instrument of *writing heretofore* made, had, or given to, by, or from the *said "Trustees of Queen's* College in New-Jersey."

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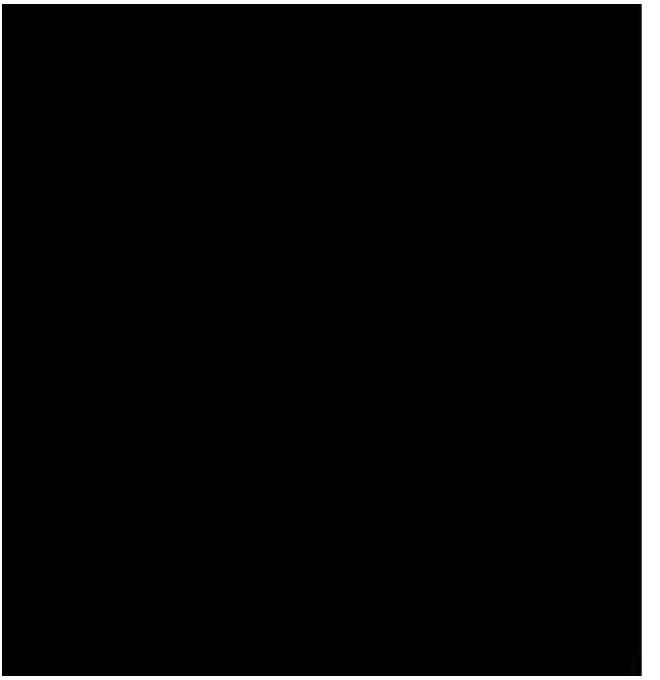

Acts and Proceedings

OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA, CONVENED IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, ON WEDNESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE. THE SESSION CONTINUED FROM THE FOURTH TO THE TWELFTH DAY OF JUNE INCLUSIVE.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Jeremiah Searle, the President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from 1 Timothy vi. 11: *"But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness."*

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*—Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, John Simonson,[1] Abraham R. Van Nest. *Elders*—Abraham Van Nest,[2] John S. Woodward, and William Mandeville.

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1 Succeeded on the seventh day of the session by Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, D.D.

2 Obtained leave of absence on the eighth day of the session.

2. *From the South Classis of New-York.*—Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook, D.D., Frederick F. Cornell, John M. Macauley.* *Elders*—William B. Crosby, Peter Y. Cutler.*

3. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*—Rev. David D. Demarest, John H. Manning, Goyn Talmage. *Elders*—Jeremiah Whitenack,[4] David Bissett.[3]

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*—Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, William V. V. Mabon, Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D.[1] *Elders*—Sebastian Duncan, J. Dunn Littell.†

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*—Rev. John H. Duryea, Charles S. Hageman, Ebenezer Wiggins.‡ *Elders*—Ira Ryerson,[1] D. D. Smith.§

6. *From the South Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. Richard D. Van Kleek,[4] Anthony Elmendorf, James R. Talmage. *Elders*—James Myers, Adrian Bergen.

7. *From the North Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. Elbert S. Porter, Thomas C. Strong, Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D. *Elders*—Theodorus Snediker, Benjamin R. Hoagland,[5] and William Ferris.

11. *From the Classis of Illinois.*—

12. *From the Classis of Hudson.*—Rev. John S. Himrod, John G. Johnson, Ira C. Boice. *Elders*—Stephen Rossman, Jonas R. Delamater.[3]

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*—Rev. Duncan Kennedy, D.D.,† Ralph Willis, John A. Lansing. *Elders*—Thomas McElroy, John McCarty, John I. Slingerland.

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*—Rev. Jacob N. Voorhees, Henry W. Smuller. *Elders*—Luther Lafflin,[4] Elijah Alliger, C. Broadhead.[3]

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*—Rev. Edward P. Stimson, Benjamin Van Zandt,*[4] Elbert Nevius.* *Elder*—Evert O. Lansing.[5]

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*—Rev. Hiram Slauson, Henry Morris.§ *Elder*—Abraham Marshall.[4]

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*—Rev. Douw Van Olinda,[1] A. H. Myers, J. L. Starks.* *Elder*—John Veeder.

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*—Rev. Eben S. Hammond,[2] Jacob West, Ransford Wells.

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*—Rev. Abraham J. Swits, A. B. Chittenden, Woodbridge L. James.* *Elders*—Casper Ham, Aaron Putnam.*[4]

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*—Rev. Benjamin Bassler,[4] J. Dubois,

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* Took his seat on the second day of the session.

† Took his seat on the third day of the session.

‡ Took his seat on the sixth day of the session.

§ Took his seat on the seventh day of the session.

1 Succeeded on the sixth day of the session by Rev. John M. Van Buren, the *Primarius.*

2 Succeeded on the seventh day of the session by Rev. Cyril Spaulding.

3 Obtained leave of absence on the fourth day of the session.

4 Obtained leave of absence on the seventh day of the session.

5 Obtained leave of absence on the eighth day of the session.

9. *From the Classis of Orange.*—Rev. George P. Van Wyck,[1] Robert P. Lee,† James B. Ten Eyck.‡ *Elder*—Ephraim Smith.

10. *From the Classis of Greene.*—Rev. Jeremiah Searle, S. M. Woodbridge. *Elder*—L. Preston.

11. *From the Classis of Michigan.*—Rev. Andrew B. Taylor.† [2]

12. *From the Classis of Watervliet.*—Rev. George McCartney John J. Quick, Oscar H. Gregory.* *Elders*—Samuel Crawford, Jacob T. Lansing.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. Alexander M. Mann was chosen *President;* the Rev. Ransford Wells, *Adsessor;* and the Rev. Messrs. Thomas C. Strong and Ralph Willis, *Clerks pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

ORDERS AND RULES.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:—

On the Professorate.—Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, Jacob Schoonmaker, and Ransford Wells; and the Elders, William B. Crosby, James Myers, and Abraham Van Nest.

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. Frederick F. Cornell, Edward P. Stimson, and Samuel Van Vechten; and the Elders, John M. Keese and Sebastian Duncan.

On Missions.—Rev. Elbert S. Porter, John H. Duryea, and Charles S. Hageman; and the Elders, Abraham Van Nest and Thomas McElroy.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. David D. Demarest, John S. Himrod and Hiram Slauson; and the Elders, William Mandeville and Ephraim Smith.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Rev. Abraham H. Myers, Henry W. Smuller and Alanson B. Chittenden; and the Elders, John S. Woodward and Elijah Alliger.

On Accounts.—Rev. James R. Talmage, Jacob West and Abraham J. Swits; and the Elders, William Brett and Martin Nevius.

On Correspondence.—Rev. Ira C. Boice, William H. Ten Eyck, and Benjamin Bassler; and the Elders, Theodore Snediker and Samuel Crawford.

On Education.—Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook, Anthony Elmendorf, and George P. Van Wyck; and the Elders, Ira Ryerson and William Ferris.

On Nominations.—Rev. Richard D. Van Kleek, John C. Cruikshank, and Eben S. Hammond; and the Elders, Benjamin R. Hoagland and Abraham Marshall.

On the Widows' Fund.—Rev. Douw Van Olinda, Henry G. Livingston, and John G. Johnson; and the Elders, David Bissett and Luther Laffin.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following Report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate:—

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary beg leave to report: That they met in stated session in the Theological Hall, at New-Brunswick, on Tuesday, the 16th day of July, A.D. 1850, at 11 o'clock A.M.

In the absence of the President, the Rev. John Knox, D.D., was called to the chair, and the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev.

2. *Of the Middle Class.*

Henry K. How,	James E. Bernart,	John N. Jansen,
Adam Van Vranken,	George Rockwell,	Lawrence L. Comfort,
Peter Elmendorf,	James B. Wilson,	G. H. Mandeville,
William D. Buckelew,	George Furbeck,	Joseph Scudder,

Charles Scott, Calvin Case.

3. *Of the Junior Class.*

John Gaston, Joseph A. Collier, Robert D. Julian,
A. P. Van Giesen, Isaac M. See.

Mr. Samuel Scudder, who at the commencement of the year returned to the Seminary, has been taken away from his preparation for the service of the earthly temple to the service of the temple above.

One young gentleman, who has twice attempted the studies of the Junior Class, has entirely withdrawn from the Institution; and another young gentleman of the Junior Class has been dismissed for unchristian deportment.

The Faculty also report that a missionary spirit appears to be awakened in the Seminary; and they speak well of the piety, order, and diligence of the students in all their studies.

The students of the several classes were examined by the Professors on the various studies pursued in the Institution. The Senior Class was also examined on the evidences of personal piety, and their views on entering the ministry. They also gave specimens of sermonizing, and the delivery of sermons. In view of which it was unanimously resolved, that the examination be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Professors for the usual certificates.

The annual sermon before the Board was preached in the evening of the first day of the session, by the Rev. Gabriel Ludlow; and the address to the students was delivered at the close of the examination, by the Rev. Alexander H. Warner.

The seats of the following members will become vacant at the time of the next meeting of the General Synod, viz.:

Rev. John L. Janeway, *of the Classis of Passaic.*
" John B. Steele, *of the Classis of Schenectady.*
" Staats Van Santvoort, *of the Classis of Albany.*
" Gabriel Ludlow, *of the Classis of Philadelphia.*
" Joseph Knieskern, *of the Classis of Montgomery.*
" William Pitcher, *of the Classis of Watervliet.*

In addition to the above, there is also a vacancy in the South Classis of New-York; while the Classes of Michigan and Illinois have no members.

The Professor of Biblical Literature has represented to this Board the wants of the Seminary in reference to exegetical books, and other conveniences for the comfort of the students in the lecture-room; in relation to which the Board have taken the following action:

Resolved, That this whole matter be brought up to the view of t

General Synod at their next meeting, and that Synod be earnestly requested to supply the deficiencies complained of, and order an appropriation to the amount of four hundred dollars for this purpose.

In conclusion, the Board would congratulate the General Synod on the prosperous state of this her fondly cherished Institution. With the exception of the death of Mr. Scudder, the Lord has in a good degree preserved the health of both Professors and students. The students have exhibited evidences of talent, application to study, of piety, and ability to preach the Word of Life. They give reason to hope that the future ministry of the Church will be able and efficient; they exhibit the Institution in which they have been trained as worthy of the highest confidence of the Church, and encourage us to trust in the great Head of the Church, who has thus far helped us, for still richer blessings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN KNOX, *President of the Board.*

A true copy.

D. D. DEMAREST, *Stated Clerk.*

New-Brunswick, Oct. 7th, 1850.

A communication was received from the Rev. Professors Cannon and Van Vranken, recommending the student Joseph Scudder for a dispensation, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

expressive of the feelings cherished by the Classis of Holland towards the General Synod, which was referred to the Committee on the State of Religion.

Certain papers laid on the table of the Synod by Miss Maria Stebbins were referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

Extracts from the Minutes of the Consistories of the churches of Minisink and Deer Park, requesting that they be united with the Classis of Paramus, were received, which were referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF CORPORATION.

The following report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation was received, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, the Annual Digest, a list of the securities held by the Board, a list of the endowed scholarships, a list of clerical subscribers to the Widows' Fund, and accounts current of said Board with the Widows' Fund and the Board of Education, and the report of Peter Spader, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, in relation to the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds:—

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church:

The Board of Direction respectfully report: That since their last appointment they have met from time to time, as the interests confided to them have required, and that, as in all previous years, their business has been transacted with entire unanimity.

The Treasurer's Report, herewith submitted, will exhibit fully the state of the funds of Synod. The investments are safely secured, and the interest on them is punctually collected. The finances of the Synod are upon the whole in a satisfactory condition.

From the condition of the money market, the Board have been obliged to submit, for the present, to a reduction of interest from seven to six per cent. per annum, on a considerable amount of the funds of Synod.

Nearly six thousand dollars of the subscriptions towards the endowment of the third Professorship in our Theological Seminary, have been collected during the year.

An address was transmitted to the churches, through the columns of the *Christian Intelligencer* on the subject of the assessment to liquidate the debt of the Synod. To this appeal on the part of the Synod, the churches to a very large extent have responded with a gratifying promptness and liberality; and although the whole amoun

contemplated has not been realized, the debt is nearly extinguished; and the Board hope that funds will still come in, sufficient to pay the balance, and thus to be entirely relieved from the embarrassment of this long-continued indebtedness.

The Board gave its early attention to the subject referred to them in connection with the Standing Committee on Rutgers College, of having any defect in the deed of the College property from the Board of Trustees to the General Synod, and other documents connected therewith, remedied. A copy of the deed was placed in the hands of the President of this Board, with instructions to ascertain from due authority whether such apprehended defect exists, and if so, the proper method of confirming and ratifying the instrument. The subject was also brought before the Trustees of Rutgers College.

The result has been, the adoption by the Trustees, after mature consideration, of a document which is regarded as satisfactory in the whole case. A copy of this document is herewith presented to the Synod, for their inspection and consideration.

A meeting of the Board was held in April last, at the instance of Professor McClelland, when a communication was received from the Professor, in which he stated that he was about to sail for Europe, with a view to the renovation of his health; that in anticipation of this event, he had pressed forward the studies of the classes in his department, and had virtually accomplished with them the work of the year, excepting revision, for which he had made adequate provision; that

Abraham Van Nest, Esq., the President of the Board, and William B. Crosby, Esq., are appointed to furnish the Synod any additional information that may be called for.

Respectfully submitted.

ABM. VAN NEST, *President.*
W. B. CROSBY,
JOHN KNOX,
THEO. FRELINGHUYSEN, } *Directors.*
ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

New-York, 2d June, 1851.

So much of the above report and accompanying documents as relate to the Widows' Fund, were referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund; so much as relates to the Board of Education, to the Committee on Education; and the residue to the Committee on the Professorate.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in account with ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

1850		Dr.	$	cts.
June	5	To cash paid Rev. Dr. James S. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,	393	75
	6	" " B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer of the Board of Education, on account of six months' interest on the invested Scholarships, due 4th inst.,	500	00
	11	" " Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Vermilye, his travelling expenses as delegate from General Synod to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, held at Cincinnati, Ohio,	60	00
	13	" " the Door-keeper's bill for Stationery and attendance on Gene-		

1850.		Dr.		$	cts.
		Brought forward,	$32 04	4,775	87
Oct.	19	To cash paid Rev. Francis M. Kip,	29 67	62	08
Nov.	1	" " the following persons their annuities out of the income of the Widows' Fund, for the last six months, due this day, viz.:			
		Lydia M. W. Sluyter,	$70 00		
		Catharine E. Van Wagenen,	70 00		
		Maria Rudy,	52 50		
		Jane Hunt,	26 25		
		Mary Bourne,	35 00		
		Harriet V. V. Mabon,	70 00		
		Rev. William C. Brownlee, D.D.	70 00		
		Rev. Samuel Harlow,	35 00		
		Rev. Jacob A. Lansing,	52 50	481	25
Nov.	14	" " Rev. David D. Demarest, one year's salary as Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, due 31st July last,	10 00		
		and incidental expenses,	5 50	15	50
	16	" " Peter Spader, Treasurer Rutgers College, one half of salary of the Librarian, for one year ending 1st April next	50 00		
		and for fuel for the College for the current year,	20 00	70	00
Dec.	2	" " Rev. Dr. James S. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,		393	75
	6	" " Rev. Dr. Alexander McClelland, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.		437	50
	18	" " Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.		393	75
	27	" " B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer Board of Education, six months' interest on the invested Scholarships, due 4th inst.,		1,152	95
1851. Jan.	6	" " the Bank of New-York on account of a Note of General Synod, held by said Bank, for $3,500, dated 28th May, 1849,		1,200	00
	15	" " premium of Insurance for $8,000 on Rutgers College for one year,		48	00
	16	" " Hugh Tolan, Janitor of Rutgers College, three months' salary, due this day		75	00
Feb.	19	" " Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., disbursed by him for repairs to Rutgers College,		17	67
	28	" " the Bank of New-York on account of a Note of General Synod for $3,500 to said Bank.		500	00
Mar.	3	" " Rev. Dr. James S. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.		393	75
	6	" " Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,		393	75
	6	" " Rev. Dr. Alexander McClelland, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.		437	50
	10	" " Rev. Barnabas V. Collins, his subscription to the Widows' Fund for two years, withdrawn,		40	00
April	10	" " Rev. Dr. Alexander McClelland, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st June next,		437	50
	24	" " Rev. John H. Pitcher, his subscription to the Widows' Fund in full, withdrawn,		333	33
May	1	" " the following persons their annuities out of the income of the Widows' Fund, for the last six months, due this day, viz.:			
		Lydia M. W. Sluyter,	$70 00		
		Catherine E. Van Wagenen,	70 00		
		Maria Rudy,	52 50		
		Jane Hunt,	26 25		
		Harriet V. V. Mabon,	70 00		
		Rev. William C. Brownlee, D.D.	70 00		
		Rev. Samuel Harlow,	35 00		
		Rev. Jacob A. Lansing,	52 50	446	25
May	6	" " Rev. Stephen H. Meeker, Questor of the South Classis of New-York, received by mistake of Daniel R. Suydam on the 21st December last for Minutes of General Synod furnished to said Classis,		30	00
	19	" " the Bank of New-York on account of a note of General Synod to them for $3,500.		1,200	00
	19	" " the Bank of New-York, the interest on the above-mentioned note, from the 28th May, 1849, to this date,		444	85
		Carried forward,		13,777	25

1851.		Dr.			
		Amount brought forward,		13,777	25
May	10	To cash paid the following persons their travelling expenses, incurred in attending the meetings of the Committee on the covenant relations between General Synod and the Trustees of Rutgers College, viz.:—			
		Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D.,	$5 00		
		" William C. Miller,	13 00		
		" William R. Gordon,	8 68		
		" Thomas M. Strong, D.D.,	5 85		
				32	53
July		" " the following persons their travelling expenses, incurred in attending the meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College held at New-Brunswick, 16th inst., viz.:—			
		Rev. B. Hoff,	$5 75		
		" J. H. Pitcher,	10 50		
		" William Pitcher,	10 50		
		" S. Van Santvoord,	8 00		
		" James Abeel,	21 75		
		" C. Van Santvoord,	10 00		
		" B. Van Zandt,	8 50		
		" Jacob West,	12 00		
		" John S. Himrod,	5 00		
		" N. E. Smith,	2 00		
		" J. B. Steele and Committee,	7 25		
		" Alexander H. Warner and Committee,	4 50		
				105	75
May	30	" " the Bank of New-York the balance of principal of a note of General Synod for $3,500, dated the 28th May, 1849, $600 00 interest thereon from 10th inst. to this date,	2 33		
				602	33
		Balance in bank to credit of General Synod,		7,982	45
				$22,500	1

1850.		Cr.		
		By balance brought from last account	$2,386	79
June	4	To cash received, six months' interest on bond for $4,000, due to-morrow	140	00
	24	" " two dividends on 23 shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, 10 of which belong to Rutgers College	17	71
	26	" " of the Collegiate Dutch church, New-York, six months' interest on their four bonds to General Synod for $26,000	780	00
July	6	" " one year's interest on $2,000, the balance of the Professoral Fund of General Synod, due 5th May last	120	00
	31	" " six months' interest on bond for $6,000, due 21st May last	2 0	00
Aug.	3	" " six months' interest on two bonds of the New-York and New-Haven Railroad Co. for $1,000 each, due 1st June last	70	00
	8	" " six months' interest on bond for $3,500, due 31st July last	105	00
Sept.	4	" " six months' interest on bond for $1,000, due 13th August last	35	00
	20	" " six months' interest on bond for $3,500, due 1st inst.	122	50
Oct.	5	" " six months' interest on bonds for $3,500, due 16th inst.	122	50
		" " six months' interest on bond for $8,500, due 3d inst.		
	11	" " collected in the Ref. Dutch church at Six Mile Run, for the Widows' Fund,	297	50
			14	00
	16	" " six months' interest on bond for $4,000, due this day	140	
	30	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,800, due 27th inst.	98	00
Nov.	5	" " six months' interest on bond for $6,000, due 1st inst.	210	00
	6	" " six months' interest on bonds for $11,000, due this day	385	00
	7	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,500, due 26th October last	87	50
	..	" " six months' interest on bond for $5,000, due 1st inst.	175	00
	12	" " six months' interest on bond for $4,000, due 16th October last	140	00
	13	" " six months' interest on bond for $4,000, due 16th October last	140	00
	14	" " six months' interest on bond for $10,000, due 22d inst.	350	00
	19	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,000, due 23d inst.	70	00
Dec.	13	" " six months' interest on bond for $4,000, due 4th inst.	120	00
	30	" " collected in the Ref. Dutch church, Lafayette Place, New-York, for the Widows' Fund	79	15
	31	" " of the Collegiate Dutch church, New-York, six months' interest on their four bonds to General Synod for $26,000	780	00
1851. Jan.	2	" " collected in the North Dutch church, New-York, for the Widows' Fund	29	05
	6	" " six months' interest on two bonds of he New-York and New-Haven Railroad Co., each for $1,000, due 1st December last	70	00
	17	" " of Stephen Van Rensselaer, this amount being one half of $5,000, the subscription of his father, Stephen Van Rensselaer, deceased, to the Permanent Fund of General Synod, with interest, $3,200		
		" " Andrew White, Charles B. Lansing and James C. Bell, assignees of William P. Van Rensselaer, this sum, which with the above amount, is in full payment of the said subscription $1,794 00	5,000	00
Feb.	3	" " six months' interest on bond for $6000, due 21st November last	210	00
	4	" " six months' interest on bond for $3,500 due 31st January last	105	00
	5	" " of Jaques Cortelyou, in full of his subscription to the Permanent Fund of General Synod	250	00
	10	" " six months' interest on bond for $1,000, due 13th inst.	30	00
	11	" " the interest on three bonds, amounting to $8,900	735	00
April	2	" " six months' interest on bond for $3,500, due to-morrow	122	50
	4	" " six months' interest on bond for $8,500, due yesterday	255	00
	9	" " six months' interest on two bonds for $9 000	270	00
	14	" " six months' interest on bond for $4,000, due 16th inst.	140	00
	21	" " six months' interest on bonds for $3,500, due 16th inst.	105	00
May	1	" " one year's interest on bond for $2,000, belonging to the Professoral Fund	120	00
	2	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,800, due 27th April last	84	00
	3	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,500, due 26th April last	75	00
	6	" " six months' interest on bond for $6,000, due 1st inst.	210	00
	6	" " six months' interest on bonds for $11,000, due this day	33	00
		Carried forward	15,336	20

1851.		Cr.			
		Brought forward,		15,336	20
May	9	By cash received, six months' interest on bond for $4,000, due 16th April last,		$140	00
		" six months' interest on bond for $2,000, due 23d April last,		70	00
	22	" six months' interest on bond for $10,000, due this day,		350	00
	26	" balance of collection in the Reformed Dutch church, Market-street, New-York, for the Widows' Fund, after deducting Pastor's subscription of $20, for one year,		32	17
	28	" six months' interest on bond for $5,000, due 1st inst.,		175	00
		" collected in the following Classes and Churches for the contingent expenses of General Synod, viz.:			
		" R. D. C., Washington Square, New-York,	$83 00		
		" " Whitehouse, N. J.,	4 00		
		" " North and Southampton, Pa.,	10 00		
		" 1st " New-Brunswick, N. J.,	26 14		
		" " Beaver Dam,	3 43		
		" " Fordham, N. Y.,	9 00		
		" " West New-Hempstead and Ramapo,	16 00		
		" " Market street, New-York,	31 57		
		" 2d " Totowa, Paterson, N. J.,	23 00		
		" 1st " Philadelphia, Pa.,	50 00		
		" 2d " Poughkeepsie, N. Y.,	37 50		
		" " Hyde Park, N. Y.,	10 00		
		" South " Fifth Avenue, New-York,	50 00		
		" 3d " Philadelphia, Pa.,	50 00		
		" " Bushwick, L. I.,	25 00		
		" " Blawenburg, N. J.,	18 60		
		" " Schraalenburg, N. J.,	30 00		
		" " Saratoga, N. Y.,	13 00		
		" " Brooklyn, "	50 00		
		" Central " " "	25 00		
		" " East New-York,	10 00		
		" North " Gowanus,	10 00		
		" " Collegiate Dutch Church, New-York,	340 63		

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Brought forward,			$1,979 84	16,103 37
By cash received, 1st R. D. C.,		Newark,	75 00	
"	"	Houston-street, New-York,	31 50	
"	"	Washington Sq. N. Y., 2d paym't,	90 00	
"	"	Fordham, N. Y.,	13 25	
"	"	Linlithgow, N. Y.,	24 00	
" 1st	"	New-Brunswick New-Jersey, 2d payment,	50 00	
"	"	Pasgack and Saddle River,	26 00	
"	"	North and Southampton, Pa., 2d payment,	50 00	
" North	"	West Troy, N. Y.	15 00	
"	"	Rensselaer,	5 00	
"	"	Harlingen, N. J.,	30 00	
"	"	Curriestown,	15 00	
"	"	Classis of Passaic, on acct.,	40 00	
"	"	21st street, New-York, on acct.,	21 00	
"	"	Shokan,	10 50	
"	"	Warwick,	18 00	
"	"	Paramus,	23 00	
"	"	Jamaica, L. I.,	20 00	
"	"	Newtown,	20 00	
"	"	Oyster Bay,	20 00	
"	"	North Hempstead,	15 00	
"	"	Williamsburg,	20 00	
"	"	Astoria,	20 00	
"	"	Greenpoint,	5 00	
"	"	Fort Miller,	3 00	
"	"	Rotterdam,	15 00	
"	"	Fishkill Village,	37 50	
"	"	Tarrytown,		
"	"	Evangl. Mission, Houston st., N. Y.,		
"	"	West Farms,	97 64	
"	"	Greenwich, New-York,		
"	"	Mount Pleasant, 50th street, N. Y.,		
"	"	Harlem,		
"	"	Reddington, N. J.,	45 35	
"	"	Mount Pleasant, N. J.,	5 00	
"	"	Boght, Watervliet,	7 50	
" 1st	"	Poughkeepsie, on acct.,	46 00	
"	"	Tappan,	28 00	
"	"	Classis of New-Brunswick, on acct.,	450 00	
" 1st	"	Claverack,	22 00	
" 2d	"	"	34 00	
"	"	Greenport,	13 00	
"	"	Hudson,	26 00	
"	"	New-Shannock, N. J.,	50 00	
"	"	Classis of Ulster, on acct.,	100 00	
"	"	Blooming Grove,	8 00	
"	"	Chatham,	10 00	
" 1st	"	Ghent,	8 00	
" 2d	"	"	10 00	
"	"	Kinderhook,	20 00	
"	"	Nassau,	20 00	
"	"	Schodack,	20 00	
"	"	Stuyvesant,	10 00	
"	"	Classis of Rensselaer, on acct.,	24 00	
"	"	Schagticoke,	10 00	
"	"	Mapletown,	10 00	
"	"	Fultonville,	15 00	
"	"	Florida,	20 00	
"	"	Marlaville,	5 00	
"	"	Classis of Ulster, balance,	33 25	
"	"	Classis of Cayuga, on acct.,	158 00	
"	"	Clarkstown,	28 00	
"	"	Greenville, West Chester co.,	14 75	
"	"	Clintonville, N. J.,	3 00	
"	"	Classis of Michigan,	5 00	
"	"	Classis of Illinois,	5 00	
"	"	Classis of Orange,	35 00	
"	"	New-Hackensack,	37 50	
"	"	Glenham,	5 00	
				4,131 58
By cash received of the following clergymen, their subscriptions to the Widows' Fund, viz.:—				
Rev. Samuel B. Ayers,			$20 00	
Carried forward,				20,234 95

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Brought forward,		20,234 05
" David A. Jones,	20 00	
" John C. Guidin,	20 00	
" James B. Hardenbergh, D.D.,	20 00	
" Joseph Wilson,	20 00	
" Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D.,	20 00	
" James Donald,	20 00	
" William S. Heyer,	20 00	
" Charles S. Hageman,	20 00	
" Nicholas D. Williamson,	20 00	
" Nicholas E. Smith,	20 00	
" John Abeel Baldwin,	20 00	
" Peter J. Quick,	20 00	
" Israel Hammond,	20 00	
" R. Ormiston Currie,	20 00	
" Cornelius Wyckoff,	20 00	
" Ira C. Boice,	20 00	
" Oscar H. Gregory,	20 00	
" Charles Jukes,	20 00	
" William W. Halloway,	20 00	
" Enoch Van Aken,	20 00	
" Samuel M. Woodbridge,	20 00	
" Garrit L. Roof,	20 00	
" Edward H. May,	20 00	
" A. B. Winfield,	20 00	
" James Scott, D.D.,	20 00	
" Ransford Wells,	20 00	
" Eben S. Hammond,	20 00	
" Alexander H. Warner,	20 00	
" John C. Guidin,	20 00	
" Isaac S. Demund,	20 00	
" Thomas B. Gregory,	20 00	
" Isaac Ferris, D.D.,	20 00	
" Cornelius L. Van Dyck,	20 00	
" Henry A. Raymond,	20 00	

ANNUAL DIGEST.

1851.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows:—

FUNDS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION.

THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by Peter Spader, Treasurer of Rutgers College, and which is loaned upon Bonds secured by Mortgages on property in the State of New-Jersey, &c., amounted, on the 1st April, 1851, to	$20,300 00
Balance in his hands, on the 1st April, 1851,	1,345 42
Interest on said Fund, due 1st May, 1851,	1,501 00
There has been paid to indigent students, out of the interest of this Fund, during the past year,	950 00

LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

The amount of this Fund, which is loaned on Bond secured by Mortgage on property in the State of New-Jersey, is	$2,000 00
Interest due on this Fund, 1st April, 1851,	120 00
Balance due Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., 1st April, 1851,	17 89
There has been paid to an indigent student, out of the interest of this Fund, during the past year,	120 00

Amount of moneys invested by the Board of Direction for educational purposes, on Bonds secured by Mortgages,	$33,135 00
Balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod, 31st May, 1851,	145 30
Balance of interest in his hands, on that day,	672 63

WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount of moneys invested by the Board of Direction, on Bonds secured by Mortgages, for the Widows' Fund,	$11,750 00
Balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod,	331 80
There has been paid to annuitants, out of the income of this Fund, during the past year, arising from interest on the Fund and payments by subscribers thereto,	927 50

PERMANENT PROFESSORAL FUND.

Under this head are included *all the moneys* which have been collected and *invested on the subscriptions for the* Professorships, as well as

the moneys formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, viz.:		
Loaned by the Board of Direction, secured by Bonds and Mortgages of Real Estate, (except three Bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Church, New-York, which are not accompanied by Mortgages,)		$68,065 00
Balance of the Professoral Fund formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, as per account of Peter Spader, Agent, &c., on the 1st May, 1851, which is loaned on Bond secured by Mortgage on property in the State of New-Jersey,		2,000 00
Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College,		575 00
Rev. John F. Schermerhorn's note,		510 00
Balance in Bank to the credit of General Synod,		7,982 45
Amount of unpaid subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod,	$18,700 00	
Deduct this amount, which the Board believe cannot be collected,	5,250 00	
Leaving subscriptions supposed to be good,		$13,450 00

BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

There has been invested for this Board, on Bond secured by Mortgage,	$250 00

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

There has been received for Minutes of General Synod, during the past year,	$432 11
And there has been paid for printing Minutes, paper, &c.,	212 00

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Rev. John F. Mesick, of the German Reformed Church, appeared in Synod, and having produced testimonials of his appointment, took his seat as a corresponding delegate from the Synod of the German Reformed Church. On taking his seat the delegate laid on the table of Synod twelve copies of the Minutes of the last session of the German Reformed Synod.

The Rev. Allan D. Campbell, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church, appeared in Synod, and having produced testimonials of his appointment, took his seat as a corresponding delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The delegate from the General Assembly presented the following certified abstract from the Minutes of the Assembly at their late session, containing their action in relation to the transferring of churches from one denomination to the other, (see p. 39,) which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence:—

"Dr. Stockton, from the Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, presented the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That in the judgment of the Assembly great prudence and courtesy should be manifested by the Presbyteries in the reception of churches from the Classes of the Reformed Dutch Church; and that wherever it is practicable the consent of all parties concerned should be at least sought, and if possible secured; but that the adoption of an absolute rule, such as is proposed by the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, would probably be productive of hardships to churches, and inconvenience to both denominations; and therefore, for the present at least, the Assembly very respectfully and fraternally beg leave to decline its concurrence in the adoption of said rule."

The above is an accurate transcript from the Minutes of the General Assembly, Wednesday morning, May 21, 1851.

ALEX. T. M'GILL, *Permanent Clerk Gen. Assembly, &c.*

A communication was received from the Presbytery of Peoria, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report, that there have been put into our hands but two papers; the one a resolution of the General Assembly, respectfully and fraternally begging leave to decline its concurrence in the adoption of an absolute rule respecting the transfer of *churches from one* body to the other. The second, a

certified extract from the minutes of the Presbytery of Peoria, in reference to the church of Brunswick, Ill.

As to the first: In the judgment of your Committee, there is nothing demanding the further action of this General Synod.

As to the second: The whole history of the church of Brunswick has been before this body again and again; and, in the opinion of your Committee, there is no new light thrown upon the subject by the communication now before us, and there remains nothing for the Synod to do, but to persevere in the course already adopted. Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the last Synod, relating to the property of the Church of Brunswick be deemed all-sufficient. (See page 21.)

In conclusion, your Committee cannot refrain expressing the earnest desire that the friendly correspondence now entertained by these sister denominations be fondly cherished, so that the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace may be promoted and strengthened.

Respectfully submitted,

IRA C. BOICE, *Chairman.*

The following report was received from the delegates appointed to attend the last meeting of the Synod of the German Reformed Church, which was accepted:—

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church:—

your delegates are led to believe that the German Church is destined to exert a wide-spread influence upon the cause of truth and piety.

On taking leave of the Synod, your delegates were addressed by the President, in terms expressive of the great affection cherished by the brethren of the German for those of the Reformed Dutch Church: while, at our departure, they crowded round us, invoking the Divine blessing upon your delegates, and upon the Church they represented.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS M. KIP.
EDWIN HOLMES.

The following report was received from the delegate appointed to attend the last meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which was accepted :—

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, in Session at Albany, N. Y.:

I have fulfilled the duty assigned me by the last General Synod, in the best way that I could. I left this on the 5th of May, and arrived at St. Louis, Missouri, on the 14th. I was present at the opening of the General Assembly on the 15th, and attended its sessions till the 22d.

The 17th, at 10 o'clock, was appointed by the Assembly as the time for the formal reception of the delegates from corresponding bodies. On that occasion I embraced the opportunity of giving a brief statement of the history, progress, condition and prospects of the Reformed Dutch Church, which was received with deep interest.

I desire to bear testimony to the cordial reception of your delegate by the Assembly, and of the high regard entertained by that body for the Reformed Dutch Church.

The proceedings of the Assembly were marked by unanimity and dignity. They seemed, too, to embrace every thing bearing on the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. The Boards of the Assembly are managed with great wisdom and prudence, and I was forcibly impressed with the magnitude of all the schemes and operations of the Presbyterian Church.

On taking my formal leave of the General Assembly, the Moderator took occasion to express the assurance of high regard which the Presbyterian Church entertained for the Reformed Dutch Church, and their wish for the lengthened continuance of the fraternal correspondence.

In conclusion, I desire to express to the General Synod my appreciation of the honor conferred on me, in the appointment as delegate to the General Assembly; and with Christian salutations,

I am respectfully and fraternally yours,

JAMES SCOTT.

Newark, N. J., 10th June, 1851.

The Committee on Correspondence having reported a double number of persons, *from whom to elect* delegates to the Correspondin

Churches, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the following were chosen :—

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.—Rev. Isaac Ferris, D.D., *Primarius;* Rev. Thomas M. Strong, D.D., *Secundus.*

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church.—Rev. Elbert S. Porter and W. W. Halloway, *Primarii;* and Rev. Henry W. Smuller, and Robert P. Lee, *Secundi.*

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

In conformity with the standing regulation, the Synod spent a part of the afternoon of the first day of its session in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan previously reported by a committee for that purpose, consisting of the Rev. Ransford Wells, Jacob Schoonmaker, Abraham J. Swits; and the Elders, William B. Crosby and John McCarty.

Resolved, That a prayer-meeting be held every morning during the present session, at 8½ o'clock, in the usual place of the meeting of the Synod.

If we take the reported number of conversions as the measure of the success attendant on the means of grace, then may many a pastor exclaim: "Who hath believed our report; and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?" In many of the churches very few have left the world and come out on the Lord's side. This is indeed a sore trial to him who watches for souls as one that must give account, and whose constant prayer for all under his charge is that they may be saved. But let it be remembered that the measure of success is not to be thus estimated. Few sinners may be converted, and yet our strength may not have been spent for naught. We are successful not only when we are the means of plucking the sinner as a brand out of the fire, but also of edifying and comforting the saint. If, during the year, not a solitary plant had been transferred from the wilderness into the garden of the Lord, yet, if the plants flourishing there already had been watered and made to thrive, if the trees had been purged and made to bring forth more fruit, labor would not have been bestowed in vain. The thought is comforting, that our days of discouragement and weeping are perhaps the very ones in which souls are helped heavenwards.

Some of the churches have received additions of several to their membership; and a few have enjoyed precious seasons of revival—among which may be mentioned the churches of New Paltz, Ithaca, Lodi, Tyre, Owasco, Schaghticoke, Easton, Fairfield, and especially the church of Fairview, in the Classis of Illinois. Concerning the revival in the last-mentioned church, the Classical Report says: "As the fruit of this outpouring of the Spirit, sixty-two have been added to the communion of the church, and many more are inquiring. This church, the first of our denomination planted in this Western country, was organized with only six members, and all the congregation could number was six families and but little over thirty individuals; and what is truly interesting to those who have borne the burden and heat of the day, who took a part in or witnessed the solemnities of the organization, is that God has remembered *them* in mercy; not one family has been passed by in the bestowment of His grace."

While a few of the churches have been thus blessed, many more are compelled to mourn that so few have renounced the world and publicly confessed the Saviour. Many have reason to be humbled before God on account of the formality and wordly-mindedness of their members, and the thoughtlessness of others. The line of distinction between the Church and the world is often faint and scarcely discernible. It becomes God's children to abase themselves before Him, and cry unto Him mightily for the quickening influences of the Spirit.

A most gratifying letter has been received from the Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, in behalf of the Classis of Holland, communicating the feelings cherished by that body toward the General Synod. These are designated as feelings of brotherly love and fellowship, joy and high esteem, and of desire to form continually a closer and more cordial union. They express themselves as deeply affected by the cordiality of their reception into our ecclesiastical connection, and the more so when they reflect that the *cause of it* was their strong attachment to the doc-

trines of the Reformation expressed in our Confession of Faith, the Catechism of our Reformed Church, and the Canons of the Synod of Dort, which in Holland was the cause of their reviling, oppression and rejection.

This colony of emigrants from the fatherland will, we doubt not, be the centre of an extensive, blessed influence. We commend it to the prayers and sympathies of our people, and trust that its success may be such as to increase it by thousands from the same land, who shall sympathize with them in belief and in devotion to the Master. "Righteousness exalteth a nation." God's people are the bulwarks of the State. While thousands annually come to our shores whose religion is falsely called Christianity, we should welcome and encourage those who know Christ, and who come from a spirit of sacrifice for Christ's sake. It is hoped that the mutual friendly feeling existing between the Classis and General Synod will ever continue, and our intercourse be most pleasant and edifying.

The Committee call the attention of the Synod to the deficiencies of the statistical reports of many of the churches. Some large congregations omit to report the number of families, some the number of communicants, some the number of Sunday-schools with their scholars. It is desirable that our statistical tables should be as full and accurate as possible, for there are powerful arguments in figures; we cannot fairly reason from them when there are important deficiencies. The omission of two or three hundred families, or communicants, or Sunday-school scholars, in a few of the Classes, must entirely destroy the

Rev Z. Kuypers and Rev. John A. Liddell, of the Classis of Passaic; Rev. John L. Zabriskie, of the Classis of New-Brunswick; Rev. Safrenus Seeber, of the Classis of Michigan; Rev. John F. Schermerhorn, of the Classis of Watervliet; Rev. J. Vandervolgen, of the Classis of Schenectady; and Rev. Henry P. Stimson, of the Classis of Greene.

To several of these the message came suddenly; with little warning, they were summoned to leave the vineyard. God says to us, "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That the Consistories and Classes be directed to make their annual statistical reports as complete and accurate as possible.

2. *Resolved*, That the Consistories be recommended to embody in their reports an account of the sums contributed by them to the various benevolent institutions of the day.

3. *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk procure the insertion of columns in the statistical tables for the report of the moneys contributed to the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Domestic Missions, the Board of Education, and Sunday-school Union; provided it can be done without dispensing with any of the columns now in use.

4. *Resolved*, That the Synod has been highly gratified by the communication from Rev. Mr. Van Raalte, in behalf of the Classis of Holland; that we reciprocate the kind feelings expressed; that we trust the union they have formed with us will be of lasting mutual benefit; and that we commend them to the Head of the Church for His blessing.

5. *Resolved*, That a copy of the last resolution be sent to the Classis of Holland, through the Rev. Mr. Van Raalte.

In behalf of the Committee,

D. D. DEMAREST, *Chairman.*

Communicants.					Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
48	33	2	20	1415	41	3	450	60	6	600	500	326 Fourth St., N. Y. 116 Ninth Street, " 7 Albion Place, " 29 Barclay St., "
19	25	..	5	....	28	2	....	....	..	....	....	62 Varick St., "
17	6	..	2	277	12	1	125	16	1	200	160	105 Wooster St., "
6	16	1	..	111	4	1	....	....	1	109	60	129 Amity Street, "
8	9	..	6	550	30	1	300	20	1	388	260	46 Hammond Street, "
12	8	1	3	143	19	3	100	120	1	200	140	Broadway above 26th St.
27	4	..	5	361	75	1	70	....	2	310	288	122 Rivington Street, N.Y.
..	2	..	..	123	6	..	....	....	..	....	....	160 East 23d St., "
8	4	..	..	58	12	..	....	....	1	150	100	69 Fiftieth st. n. 3d av., "
..		..	2	56	3	1	....	....	1	40	....	71st St., n Bloom. road, "
16	1	..	2	115	6	2	60	....	1	100	80	122d St., near 3d Av., "
..	..	..	..	37	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
19	3	..	..	97	6	1	40	35	1	100	70	W. Farms, West. co., "
..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	1	150	100	Yonkers, West. co., "
..	8	..	..	33	7	4	10	....	1	15	12	Bronxville, West co., "
16	..	..	..	18	3	..	....	....	1	13	12	" " "
..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	1	....	....	Hastings upon Hudson.
..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	1	....	....	" " N. Y.
9	4	..	4	230	6	2	120	50	2	150	110	Tarrytown, West. co.
..	..	..	3	83	1	2	....	....	1	40	....	Neperan, "
7	5	..	2	217	13	1	....	....	2	160	140	Port Richmond, S. I.
..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	

D. D.; and the Rev. Messrs. E. H. May; A. N. Kittle; James Demarest; W. T. Van Doren; J. in St. Thomas;] J. Scudder, M. D., and W. W. Scudder, Missionaries in Ceylon; and W. C. stor elect.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Tompkinsville,	Alexander R. Thompson,	107	500	182	6	10	1	..	2	195	10	1	91	20	1	181	133	Tompkinsville, S. I.
South Dutch,	John M. Macauley,	140	740	163	5	14	4	..	..	173	6	..	....	....	1	90	70	New York City.
Market Street,	Isaac Ferris,	200	1300	419	3	8	20	1	9	400	14	..	300	....	1	395	300	New York City.
Washington Square,	Mancius S. Hutton,	205	1000	308	15	16	8	..	8	329	20	3	300	30	2	300	220	New York City.
Manhattan,	F. F. Cornell,	96	....	204	4	4	16	..	1	195	11	..	160	82	3	250	180	New York City.
Bushwick,	S. H. Meeker, S. C.,	76	370	180	2	6	3	..	3	182	16		30	20	1	90	60	Williamsburg.
Courtlandtown,	Samuel Lockwood,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
2d German Mission Ch,		62	196	196	30	1	28	..	2	197	32	..	30	42	1	20	90	
West Ref. Dutch,	J. A. Cary,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	New York City.
Peekskill,		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. M. Mathews, D. D.; Rev. C. D. Westbrook, D. D; Rev. Charles Knouse; Rev. Robert Kirkwood; Rev. John Alburtis; Rev. Robert A. Quin; and Rev. W. H. Van Doren.

EW-BRUNSWICK.

Communicants.						Bapt. C. & B. C.				Sab. Schools.			
Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
16	11	5	1	4	502	37	6	....	....	..	....	....	New Brunswick, N. J.
2	11	8	..	1	122	10	..	30	....	1	93	67	New Brunswick, "
5	2	4	..	3	238	18	2	80	35	6	290	....	Six Mile Run, "
14	8	13	..	8	287	14	1	140	....	5	....	....	Millstone, "
9	4	5	..	1	166	9	1	60	....	1	110	90	Middlebush, "
9	7	13	..	2	436	14	2	75	250	4	....	....	Somerville, "
12	20	1	..	3	264	16	2	60	....	3	200	....	Somerville, "
16	11		..	1	108	11	4	52	24	1	80	50	Somerville, "
7	5	4	..	1	262	19	..	150	50	5	....	....	Pluckemin, "
3	3	2	..	2	109	13	..	....	30	1	80	....	North Branch, "
10	3	10	..	..	127	7	1	30	10	4	130	80	Whitehouse, "
5	3	1	..	4	146	15	..	50	....	4	169	140	Lebanon, "
3	9	1	..	1	100	11	1	50	40	2	155	135	Griggstown, "
4	3	..	..	6	55	6	..	....	10	2	70	60	Spotswood, "
..	..	7	..	5	154	5	..	40	45	1	80	60	Marlboro', "
10	9	..	..	1	83	5	..	50	35	1	90	75	Freehold, "
9	..	2	..	9	114	2	6	....	....	..	....	....	Holmdel, "
15	9	1	..	1	96	5	3	47	25	2	70	....	Middletown, "
19	4	5	..	..	93	7	8	65	....	1	75	....	Boundbrook, "
4	11	..	..	..	20	..	..	....	....	1	31	....	Keyport, "
12	4	2	..	..	96	6	4	30	30	1	80	70	Peapack, "
2	44	..	..	2	44	35	..	....	....	..	....	....	

Wm. J. Thompson, R. J. Blair, William H. Steele, missionary. *Candidate*—C. R. Von Rosenadt.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Bergen,	B. C. Taylor,	292	1510	308	13	7	10	2	5	312	16	1	75	22	1	140	110	Bergen, Hudson co., N. J.
English Neighborhood,	James McFarlane,	80	350	73	4	8	3	..	1	81	7	..	28	25	2	90	70	English Neighborhood, "
Hackensack,	A. H. Warner, S. C.,	130	750	132	2	4	2	..	2	134	6	..	50	40	1	85	70	Hackensack, Berg. co., "
Schraalenburgh,	Cornelius Blauvelt,	158	670	167	2	2	4	1	4	162	11	..	100	35	2	120	90	Hackensack, " "
Belleville,	Isaac S. Demund,	130	650	169	8	5	5	..	1	176	11	2	200	152	3	292	221	Belleville, Essex co., "
Jersey City,	Vacant,	70	350	73	2	8	4	..	..	79	3	..	50	30	1	50	50	Jersey City, Hud. co., "
Bergen Neck,	Jacob C. Dutcher,	108	500	104	1	3	..	..	2	106	10	..	....	....	3	130	100	Bergen Pt., Hud. co., "
1st Ch., Newark,	James Scott,	324	1600	470	14	20	12	..	4	488	17	1	360	107	1	350	300	Newark, Essex co., N. J.
Clintonville,	J. M. Bruen,	40	150	45	..	9	5	..	1	48	1	..	....	....	1	70	55	Camptown, Ess. co., N. J.
New Durham,	W. V. V. Mabon,	90	400	64	10	..	..	..	..	71	12	..	60	30	1	110	80	New Durham, Hud. co."
First church of Van Vorst,	P. D. Van Cleef,	95	475	103	7	27	10	..	1	126	11	2	75	25	1	104	85	Jersey City, Hud. co., "
2d Ch., Newark,	Gustavus Abeel,	80	360	51*	14	25	5	..	6	79	12	3	65	30	1	200	140	Newark, Essex co , N. J.
3d Ch., "	F. A. Lehlbach,	102	408	59	23†	..	2	..	2	80	90	..	30	30	1	96	75	Newark, " N. J.
Hoboken,	Thos. B. Gregory,	20	100	....	6	8	1	..	1	12	11	2	15	8	1	18	18	Hoboken, Hud. co., "

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. John Garretson, Cor. Sec. Board Dom. Miss.; Rev. James Romeyn, disabled through bodily infirmity; Rev. John L. Chapman, Principal of the Home Institute, Clintonville, Essex co., N. J.; and Rev. Matthias Lusk.

* Reported incorrectly last year. † 24 had been members of foreign churches

OF PASSAIC.

Communicants.						Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
Recd													
On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
4	..	3	..	2	149	5	..	....	18	2	100	....	Pompton, N. J.
1	2	..	..	2	149	12	..	20	35	3	95	75	Pompton Plains, N. J.
2	3	1	..	3	122	..	..	25	40	1	80	60	
23	..	..	..	5	118	5	5	55	25	4	120	80	
4	1	..	1	3	43	6	1	33	37	1	60	50	Paterson, N. J.
5	..	3	..	..	57	10	1	16	....	2	50	40	Pompton Iron Wks., N. J.
1	..	..	..	5	84	7	..	50	30	4	120	100	Paterson, N. J.
1	..	2	..	3	42	3	..	....	14	1	....	....	Franklin, Essex co., N. J.
8	5	1	..	2	66	14	3	....	....	1	80	60	Little Falls, N. J.

Charge.—Rev. John Wiseman, Probationer.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Clarkstown,	P. J. Quick,	135	516	135	1	1	3	..	1	133	5	..	68	....	1	55	50	Nyack Turnpike, N. Y.
Tappan,	I. D. Cole,	160	800	180	7	1	3	..	2	183	16	..	25	25	2	50	....	Tappan Town, N. Y.
Acquacknonk,	W. R. Bogardus,	210	1150	239	6	..	5	2	5	233	19	..	100	....	6	....	....	Acquacknonk, N. J.
First church of Totowa,	E. Wiggins,	163	710	163	8	10	2	..	3	176	50	..	....	....	1	175	155	Paterson, N. J.
Second church of Totowa,	J. H. Duryea, S. C.,	140	700	....	5	2	..	3	5	240	24	2	100	....	2	200	....	Paterson, "
Paramus,	A. B. Winfield,	172	835	....	12	9	2	..	7	155	17	1	....	....	..	....	....	Paterson, "
Pasgack,	J. Manley,	105	540	114	3	..	1	..	..	116	6	..	....	....	..	....	....	Munsey, N. Y.
Saddle River,		110	535	146	..	2	..	..	2	146	7	..	20	....	1	50	....	
West New-Hempstead,	P. Allen,	67	318	87	3	..	2	..	..	71	3	2	....	....	..	....	....	Munsey, "
Ramapo,		73	379	67	..	..	2	..	..	65	6	..	....	....	..	....	....	
Warwick,	F. H. Vandeveer,	72	....	82	5	1	4	..	3	81	2	..	....	....	..	....	....	Warwick, N. Y.
Nyack,	C. S. Hageman,	100	375	104	5	5	1	..	..	113	9	..	30	40	1	80	....	Nyack, N. Y.
Piermont,	J. Romeyn Berry,	67	335	41	7	3	3	..	..	48	4	..	40	25	1	70	55	Piermont, N. Y.

Candidate—Wesley Taylor.

OF LONG ISLAND.

Communicants.						Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
1	11	4	..	1	274	9	..	50	....	2	150	130	Brooklyn, L. I.
1	1	3	..	6	122	8	..	20	25	2	74	66	Flatbush, "
1	4	..	..	3	128	14	1	60	30	2	110	80	New Utrecht, "
8	..	2	..	4	91	2	..	....	....	2	....	....	Gravesend, "
2	..	..	..	2	107	9	..	50	....	2	90	70	Flatlands, "
1	..	3	..	..	77	5	..	30	....	1	60	40	
4	14	8	..	..	....	15	2	80	41	1	110	65	Brooklyn, "
9	7	5	..	..	72	2	4	....	25	1	110	95	East New-York, L. I.
..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Brooklyn, L. I.
1	1	10	..	..	137	4	1	50	75	1	125	100	Brooklyn, "
..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Brooklyn, "
..	45	2	..	..	43	3	..	....	....	1	....	....	Brooylyn, "

n Kleek, G. W. Bethune, D.D., N. P. Pierce, and A. Elmendorf.

No report. ‡ Pastor elect.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt. C. & B. C.				Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Jamaica,	John B. Alliger,	195	1000	224	8	2	6	..	4	224	10	1	....	....	4	120	100	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown,	Thomas C. Strong, S. C.,	100	500	118	3	1	3	1	3	115	8	..	15	10	2	70	50	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay,	N. E. Smith,	100	500	110	5	..	..	..	2	113	4	2	....	75	2	90	60	Cedar Swamp, L. I.
North Hempstead,	R. L. Schoonmaker,	70	350	....	2	2	..	3	..	51	3	..	....	....	..	....	....	Manhasset, "
Williamsburg,	E. S. Porter,	125	500	149	11	20	4	..	..	....	11	..	125	....	1	130	90	Williamsburg, "
Astoria,	A. H. Bishop,	62	....	62	2	2	3	..	1	62	4	2	....	22	1	60	50	Astoria, "
Flushing,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Flushing, "
Green Point,	John W. Ward	32	120	24	..	7	..	..	1	30	3	..	....	....	..	60	50	Green Point, "

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, D.D., Peter S. Williamson, and James R. Lente.

UGHKEEPSIE.

nunicants.				Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
10	2	12	334	5	2	....	60	1	261	135	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
3	..	4	166	..	2	74	51	1	92	....	Fishkill, "
..	..	3	217	3	1	....	35	..	....	....	New Hackensack, N. Y.
5	..	1	227	9	..	75	100	3	....	75	Fishkill, "
3	4	..	203	..	..	....	....	1	....	80	Rhinebeck, "
5	..	3	135	4	1	40	....	..	....	....	Fishkill Landing, "
..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
3	1	2	137	..	..	50	....	3	95	....	Hyde Park, "
1	..	..	....	2	..	....	....	1	75	....	Glenham, "
2	..	1	75	2	..	20	20	1	130	75	Poughkeepsie, "

ten, Fishkill, N. Y.; Rev. William S. Heyer.
of Orange, has just been approved and accepted.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Harlingen,	J. Gardner,	150	750	316	12	6	4	..	1	329	11	2	75	175	5	300	250	Harlingen, N. J.
Readington,	J. Van Liew,	170	800	294	7	4	18*	..	4	283	19	2	50	....	4	200	....	Readington, "
New Shannock,	G. Ludlow,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Flagtown, "
First church Philadelphia,	A. A. Willets,	160	800	273	13	19	8	2	6	289	17	1	90	120	3	511	410	Philadelphia, Pa.
Second " "		....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	" "
Third " "	H. G. Livingston,	165	800	261	1	7	8	..	7	254	8	..	....	....	3	250	160	" "
North & South Hampton,	A. O. Halsey,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Newtown, Pa.
Blawenburgh,	T. B. Romeyn, S. C.,	100	500	130	6	2	5	..	2	131	2	2	....	50	6	170	125	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Mount Pleasant,		80	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Stanton, N. J.
Manayunk,		....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Manayunk, Pa.
Roxboro',	S. A. Bumstead,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. P. Labagh, D.D.; J. Ludlow, D.D.; C. C. Van Arsdale, D.D.

* Sixteen of these were dismissed to constitute the Ref. Dutch church of Branchville.

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[redacted] HUDSON.

[redacted]	[redacted]municants.					Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
[redacted]	[redacted]ed On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
[redacted]	..	2	..	4	306	8	1	....	10	5	....	200	Claverack, Col. co., N. Y.
[redacted]	..	1	..	3	241	5	2	....	50	3	135	100	Mellenville, "
[redacted]	1	1	..	3	90	5	..	....	....	2	70	50	Hudson, N. Y.
[redacted]	5	3	2	3	153	14	2	....	9	1	130	100	Hudson, "
[redacted]	6	1	..	3	183	12	..	70	31	8	190	145	Livingston, Col. co., N.Y.
[redacted]	..	..	..	..	78	6	..	....	....	1	50	....	Upper Red Hook, N. Y.
[redacted]	..	1	..	4	217	..	..	....	....	1	55	35	Germantown.
[redacted]	1	2	..	2	101	5	..	....	....	..	....	....	Copake.

[redacted]t report.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Fairview,	A. D. Wilson,	80	438	66	63	4	2	..	..	131	17	13	30	40	1	....	70	Fairview, Fulton Co., Ill.
Pekin,	S. V. E. Westfall, S. C.,	....	....	38	..	4	..	1	..	42	1	..	....	10	1	....		Pekin, Tazewell Co. "
Washington,	J. N. Schultz,	40	200	34	..	..	..	..	..	34	1	..	....	....	..	....	65	Washington, " "
Vanderveer,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Pleasant Plains, Menard co., Ill.

F ALBANY.

	nunicants.				Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
4	10	..	6	433	10	1	....	25	2	180	130	Albany.
1	20	..	7	546	23	..	95	25	1	143	116	"
1	5	..	1	179	6	1	70	....	1	120	100	"
5	4	..	6	217	10	..	25	50	1	40	25	Cedar Hill.
4	3	1	2	114	5	1	90	25	2	135	100	Bethlehem.
4	5	..	4	63	3	..	35	....	1	89	75	Coeymans.
7	1	..	..	73	7	2	34	40	1	125	90	
1	4	..	1	74	4	..	....	....	1	30	25	Bethlehem.
-	..	..	..	98	11	..	....	....	..	....	....	New-Baltimore.
1	1	..	..	99	7	..	....	....	..	....	....	
2	2	..	1	150	1	..	12	....	1	40	25	Westerlo.
-	..	..	..	98	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Salem.
-	..	..	2	112	8	..	....	....	..	....	....	"
-	..	..	..	32	..	2	20	....	..	....	....	Knox.

D., J. P. Pepper, J. Middlemas, Reuben Porter.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Bloomingdale,	B. F. Snyder,	100	522	102	1	3	..	..	5	101	14	..	50	24	1	60	40	Kingston.
Catsban,	H. Ostrander,	100	600	110	4	..	..	..	5	109	6	..	....	....	..	....	....	Saugerties.
Clove,	Ephraim Depuy,	100	500	90	2	3	..	1	..	94	6	..	30	20	2	50	....	High Falls.
Dashville Falls,	H. Eckel, S. S.,	53	200	17	3	..	..	..	..	20	2	1	....	....	1	30	....	
Esopus,	Abraham Fort,	114	570	282	..	5	2	..	4	281	12	..	....	....	3	....	....	Amesville.
Flatbush,	Victor M. Hulburt,	145	725	196	8	..	2	1	4	199	7	2	50	....	..	125	100	Saugerties.
Guilford,	Wm. Brush,	160	....	105	4	3	3	..	..	109	12	..	60	....	4	175	....	Tuthill Town.
Hurley,	B. C. Lippencott,	71	382	....	3	..	2	..	4	69	5	1	45	25	1	70	60	Hurley.
Kingston,	J. C. F. Hoes,	200	1000	455	8	11	17	..	9	448	19	2	75	50	3	200	150	Kingston.
Second church do.,	H. W. Smuller,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	do.
Marbletown,	C. L. Van Dyck, S. C.,	200	1200	143	3	3	1	..	3	145	10	1	50	20	3	....	....	Marbletown.
New-Paltz,	Chas. H. Stitt,	206	1156	....	20	3	3	1	2	211	22	5	110	50	7	300	....	New-Paltz.
Plattekill,	M. L. Schenck,	148	771	156	3	..	..	..	3	156	24	1	30	....	1	32	....	Saugerties.
Rochester,	C. Wyckoff,	300	1500	196	7	1	..	1	1	202	26	2	30	15	5	....	....	Accord.
Rosendale,	H. Eckel,	61	350	49	3	..	1	..	1	50	1	..	....	....	1	40	....	Rosendale.
Saugerties,	C. Van Santvoord,	140	800	203	3	3	5	..	2	207	10	..	50	....	2	140	....	Saugerties.
Shokan,	J. N. Voorhees,	110	600	84	..	1	1	..	2	82	4	..	10	....	..	....	....	Shokan.
Woodstock,	A. Gulick,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Woodstock.
West Hurley,	do.	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	

Minister without charge.—Samuel Harlow.

RENSSELAER.

	Communicants.					Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES
	3	4	..	2	56	5	..	....	....	1	40	....	Defreestville.
	4	4	..	1	61	3	2	10	20	..	50	....	Chatham Four Corners.
	..	..	..	..	55	4	..	....	....	..	45	....	Ghent.
	1	..	..	2	138	10	..	....	60	1	90	....	Hudson.
	2	3	..	3	355	19	1	....	15	5	200	....	East Greenbush.
	7	4	..	4	278	8	..	....	....	3	200	....	Kinderhook.
	2	5	..	3	288	5	2	....	....	4	120	....	Nassau.
	..	3	..	8	218	8	1	100	25	5	200	....	Schodack.
	..	3	..	1	95	..	..	....	....	1	50	....	Stuyvesant.

CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Northumberland,	H. Slawson,	75	270	102	..	1	2	..	1	100	..	..	50	....	1	60	40	Northumberland.
Saratoga,	S. T. Searle,	75	300	....	3	3	7	..	1	100	1	1	30	....	1	80	50	Schuylerville.
Gansevoort,	Vacant,	31	124	52	1	2	2	..	1	52	6	1	....	....	..	....	....	Gansevoort.
Union Village,	Uriah Marvin,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Greenwich.
Easton,	H. Morris, S. S.,	45	180	36	17	1	..	..	..	54	1	6	....	....	..	....	....	North Easton.
Tiosiock,	Vacant,	60	300	83	4	2	1	..	2	86	..	1	....	....	1	65	40	Buskirk's Bridge.
Jackson,	J. H. Pitcher, S. C.,	41	200	72	..	2	3	..	1	64	4	..	20	....	1	30	....	Buttenville.
Schaghticoke,	J. D. Fonda,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Stillwater.
Fort Miller,	H. Slawson, S. S.,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	FortMiller.

MONTGOMERY.

...ecd	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Bapt. Infants.	Bapt. Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. Schools. Number of Schools	Sab. Schools. Number of Scholars.	Sab. Schools. Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
1	..	3	..	..	33	1	..	....	....	..	40	....	Glen.
3	..	..	..	..	59	1	..	....	....	..	....	....	Root.
1	..	1	..	..	60	1	..	....	....	..	....	....	"
.	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Canajoharie.
.	1	2	..	3	124	3	..	....	....	..	....	....	Fonda.
.	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Columbia.
.	..	1	..	..	64	2	..	....	....	..	60	....	Ephratah.
2	1	..	..	..	224	17	..	....	....	..	40	....	Palatine Bridge.
1	2	..	..	2	49	7	1	25	....	..	100	....	Fultonville.
3	4	10	..	..	135	12	..	....	....	..	200	....	Fort Plain.
1	..	1	..	..	56	..	..	....	....	..	30	....	Glen.
.	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Herkimer.
1	4	..	..	..	56	3	1	....	....	..	....	....	Mariaville.
.	2	9	..	..	103	5	..	60	....	..	....	....	Minaville.
1	1	1	..	..	30	..	..	....	....	..	75	....	Mohawk.
.	..	..	..	..	78	7	..	....	....	1	....	20	Manheim Centre.
4	..	..	..	..	178	9	1	....	....	10	90	....	St. Johnsville.
.	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Warren.
1	24	..	..	..	25	1	..	....	....	12	36	....	Port Jackson.

...nes Murphy, D.D., James Donald.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
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Schoharie,	R. Wells,	100	675	115	7	1	1	..	3	119	3	1	....	....	1	40	30	Schoharie C. H.
Middleburgh,	Jacob West, S. C.,	100	650	118	6	1	2	..	3	120	6	..	20	35	1	60	45	Middleburgh.
First church Berne, / Beaverdam,	E. Vedder, pastor elect,	50	400	67	..	1	2	..	..	67	3	..	....	60	6	250	200	Berne, Albany co.
Gilboa,	L. H. Van Dyck,	100	500	107	..	1	2	..	1	105	1	..	....	35	1	90	70	Gilboa.
New-Rhinebeck,	C. Spaulding,	78	290	104	..	5	..	..	2	107	3	..	....	25	2	100	78	Lawyerville.
Gallupville,	E. S. Hammond,	50	350	69	..	1	..	..	..	70	6	..	25	50	3	125	100	Gallupville.
Cobleskill,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	25	....	..	....	....	Cobleskill.
Sharon,	"	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Gardinersville.
Breakabin,	J. H. Van Woert,	44	250	65	..	3	..	..	..	68	3	..	....	....	1	50	30	North Blenheim.
Schoharie Mountain,		50	350	29	5	1	..	..	2	34	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	East Cobleskill.
Conesville,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Conesville.

Ministers without charge.—Rev. Cornelius Bogardus, Paul Weidman, John M. Scribner, George Kerr, and Elihu Doty, Missionary to China.

CHENECTADY.

	mmunicants.					Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
ecd	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
1	2	..	1	2	112	4	1	....	....	1	50	45	Visscher's Ferry.
	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Niskayuna.
)	22	19	..	6	387	10	1	175	30	1	250	236	Schenectady.
.	2	5	..	2	249	4	..	10	12	3	150	125	Glenville.
	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Scotia.
1	1	1	..	1	63	7	..	....	....	..	....	....	Hoffman's Ferry.
.	4	2	..	..	94	4	..	....	....	3	100	90	Schenectady.
1	3	3	..	2	244	15	..	....	....	5	150	125	Guilderland Centre.
1	..	2	..	..	36	..	..	....	....	1	25	17	West Day.
	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Dunnsville.

hittenden, Abraham I. Swits, *Stated Clerk*, Schenectady.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Arcadia,	J. Whitbeck,	50	200	56	3	4	..	..	1	63	2	1	....	15	1	55	35	Arcadia.
Caroline,	Vacant,	37	185	....	..	1	..	..	1	50	1	..	....	....	1	50	35	Sluyterville.
Cato,	R. W. Knight,	45	215	51	..	..	..	..	2	49	..	..	....	....	1	20	....	Cato.
Chittenango,	James Abell,	80	400	142	1	..	1	..	..	142	..	1	....	40	2	180	90	Chittenango.
Canastota,	F. T. Drake,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Canastota.
Cicero,	J. Dubois,	60	150	....	..	4	2	..	2	52	..	..	....	20	1	40	35	Cicero Corners.
Farmersville,	B. Bassler,	105	506	108	3	1	5	..	1	106	8	..	....	25	1	100	75	Farmersville, Sen. co.
Geneva,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Geneva.
Ithaca,	—— Bulkley,	80	460	120	28	4	4	..	2	150	..	10	80	15	..	....	....	Ithaca.
Lodi,	G. J. Garretson,	180	900	210	13	9	8	2	3	219	11	6	130	75	5	200	175	Lodi, Sen. co.
Lysander,		....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
Owasco,	H. A. Raymond,	115	575	100	8	8	1	..	..	115	1	2	....	....	3	85	....	Owasco.
Piffardinia,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Piffard, Liv. co.
Sandbeach,	Vacant,	51	258	....	..	..	..	..	..	69	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Auburn.
Syracuse,	J. A. H. Cornell,	85	300	69	1	3	3	..	..	70	7	..	....	10	1	70	50	Syracuse.
Tyre,	J. R. Van Arsdale,	48	223	50	13	6	3	..	2	64	7	5	....	....	1	....	....	Waterloo.
Utica,	C. Wiley,	140	680	225	..	8	4	..	1	228	6	..	....	30	1	122	100	Utica.
Wolcott,	R. W. Knight,	36	180	32	2	2	..	..	..	36	1	..	....	....	1	50	40	Red Creek, Wayne co.
Cleveland,	B. Hall,	40	....	....	..	..	2	..	..	26	1	..	....	....	1	....	....	Cleveland.
Gorham,		....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	

F ORANGE.

	nunicants.				Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES
	..	..	4	113	8	..	....	....	2	....	....	St. Andrews.
	7	..	8	360	14	..	170	104	2	....	....	Montgomery.
	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Bruynswick.
	1	..	1	113	7	..	50	....	3	....	....	Ulsterville.
	2	..	4	....	1	2	25	20	3	180	130	Port Jervis.
	2	..	..	116	5	5	....	....	1	103	....	Newburgh.
	2	..	..	94	..	..	....	....	3	80	....	Montague.
	1	..	1	116	10	2	....	50	5	250	175	New Hurley.
	8	..	..	160	16	3	50	30	1	75	65	Walden.
	1	..	2	164	5	..	....	12	3	130	11	*
	4	..	..	170	22	18	40	35	2	115	....	Bloomingburgh.
	3	2	..	106	5	..	....	20	..	....	....	Ellenville.
	1	..	..	156	..	4	....	14	1	120	80	Woodbourne.
	2	..	7	176	13	4	125	110	3	178	97	Napanoch.
	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Grahamville.
	..	..	2	45	3	6	30	15	1	45	25	Wurtsborough.
	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Clayville.
	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	

nan, Joshua Boyd, William Youngblood, returned For. Missionary.

Pike county, Penn.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession—	Recd On Certificate—	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Athens,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Athens.
Catskill,	David Murdock,	....	....	210	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Catskill.
First church Coxsackie,	J. Searle,	195	900	310	5	1	4	1	6	305	..	..	....	....	2	....	....	Coxsackie.
Second " "	S. M. Woodbridge,	101	525	....	..	2	..	..	2	93	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Coxsackie Landing.
Kiskatom,	J. M. Compton, S. C.,	77	346	137	2	3	..	..	2	140	6	..	23	37	1	73	45	Kiskatom.
Leeds,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Leeds.
Moresville,	C. A. Evans,	65	400	51	..	..	..	..	..	51	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Moresville.
Prattsville,	A. V. Wyckoff,	70	350	88	4	2	5	..	2	87	7	1	....	....	2	120	....	Prattsville.
Roxbury,	W. E. Turner,	48	....	51	2	1	1	..	2	51	..	..	....	30	1	....	....	Roxbury.

Minister without charge.—W. R. S. Betts.

MICHIGAN.

unicants.				Bapt.		C. & B. U.		Sab. Schools.			
Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Grand Rapids.
1	..	1	50	..	..	....	....	2	30	....	Centreville.
..	..	..	43	..	..	....	12	1	50	40	Constantine.
..	..	..	....	2	..	....	....	..	....	....	Ridgway.
..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	South Bend, Ind.
..	..	1	10	1	..	....	....	..	40	20	Mottville.

. Sheffield, South Bend, Ind.

CLASSIS OF WATERVLIET.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		Sab.Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
West Troy,	O. H. Gregory,	115	550	331	4	7	3	..	..	339	4	..	....	50	1	160	120	West Troy.
South ch , West Troy ,	T. F. Wyckoff,	90	375	88	4	7	8	..	1	90	6	..	....	....	1	150	100	do.
Wynantskill,	J. I. Quick,	70	300	70	..	1	3	..	2	66	3	..	....	....	1	....	....	Wynantskill.
Boght,	Wm. Pitcher,	64	300	82	1	1	..	..	..	84	4	..	....	22	1	60	50	Cohoes.
Waterford,	Alex. Dickson,	37	185	80	2	4	2	..	1	33	4	..	....	....	1	50	40	Waterford.
Cohoes,	C. N. Waldron,	62	310	78	7	3	5	..	..	83	2	1	....	....	1	60	50	Cohoes.
Rensselaer,	G. McCarty,	40	190	46	6	5	..	..	..	57	5	..	....	....	1	40	25	West Troy.

Ministers without charge.—John Smith, Jacob A. Lansing, S. C.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND, (No Report.)

stant Dutch Church, for the Year 1851.

lived On Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Baptized Infants.	Baptized Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Number of Scholars.	STATED CLERKS.
212	3387	272	25	1275	301	26	2665	Rev. N. J. Marselus, D. D.
59	1671	159	4	911	194	10	1426	" S. H. Meeker.
181	3622	245	41	1099	584	46	1811	" D. D. Demarest.
126	1954	218	11	1108	534	20	1855	" A. H. Warner.
11	830	62	10	199	199	19	705	" John A. Staats.
34	1760	168	5	383	90	15	680	" John H. Duryea.
83	1051	71	8	340	196	15	829	" R. O. Currie, D.D.
34	595	43	5	140	107	10	539	" T. C. Strong.
38	1291	57	7	215	345	21	1431	" T. B. Romeyn.
44	1594	25	6	259	266	11	653	" A. M. Mann.
13	1369	55	5	70	100	21	630	" Ira C. Boice.
8	207	19	13	30	50	2	135	" S. V. E. Westfall.
60	2289	95	7	381	165	11	893	" I. N. Wyckoff, D. D.
36	2483	180	15	590	204	34	1222	" C. L. Van Dyck.
19	1544	53	6	110	120	20	995	" E. Nevius.
11	456	7	14	100	....	4	235	" J. H. Pitcher.
39	1274	69	3	85	....	42	671	" D. Van Olinda.
14	690	35	1	70	205	15	715	" Jacob West.
34	1185	44	2	185	42	14	725	" A. J. Swits.
50	1439	45	25	210	230	20	972	
34	1813	109	44	490	410	29	1276	" J. B. Ten Eyck.
9	727	13	1	23	67	6	193	" J. M. Compton.
28	752	28	1	....	72	7	530	" J. A. Lansing.
6	103	3	....	....	12	3	120	" D. McNeish.
....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	
1193	34586	2075	259	8203	4493	431	21406	

ARTICLE VII.

SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

A communication was received from the President of the Particular Synod of New-York, stating that he had received notice of an appeal taken by the Classis of New-York from the decision of that Synod, in the case of the appeal of W. H. Van Dalsen, and transmitting said appeal, with the reasons for the same, to the Synod; which was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported, and their report was accepted, amended, and adopted, with the exception of the 5th or last article, in relation to which it was resolved that it be laid on the table. The report is as follows:—

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business would report, that there have been put into their hands,

1. Papers signed Maria Stebbins. These contain matters which cannot properly be brought before General Synod, and the Committee would therefore recommend that she have leave to withdraw her papers.

2. The communication of the Rev. N. J. Marselus, in reference to certain acts of the Particular Synod of New-York. This appears not to come regularly before Synod as a complaint, as, after due inquiry, your Committee have not been able to learn that the required notice has been given by the complainant to the body of whom he complains.

3. An appeal of the Classis of New-York from the decision of the Particular Synod of New-York, in the case of the appeal of W. H. Van Dalsen from the Classis of New-York.

The regular steps seem to have been taken, and the Committee accordingly recommend that the appeal be taken up and tried in the usual order.

4. A communication of the Consistory of the Reformed Dutch church in Yonkers, respecting their being set off to the new Classis of Westchester.

Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Particular Synod of New-York, at its next session.

5. Communications from the churches of Deer Park and Minisink, now belonging to the Classis of Orange, in the Particular Synod of Albany, containing a request to be set off from said Classis and united to the Classis of Paramus, in the bounds of the Particular Synod of New-York. Your Committee deem the reasons assigned and the circumstances of the case to be sufficient to justify Synod in granting their request. They would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the churches of Deer Park and Minisink, together with their pastors, be and hereby are set off from the Classis of Orange and united to the Classis of Paramus.

Respectfully submitted.

A. H. MYERS, Chairman.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee to whom have been referred the Minutes of the last General Synod, and of the late Particular Synods of New-York and Albany, would respectfully report, that they have examined the same, and find nothing demanding the attention of this Synod, except a recommendation from the Classis of Schoharie, "of an individual as a suitable person to receive aid from the Van Benschoten Fund, in his course of preparation for the gospel ministry," to which recommendation we would, therefore, respectfully invite the attention of the Synod.

FRED. F. CORNELL, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the recommendation of the individual for aid embraced in the above report be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A paper was received, signed N. J. Marselus, enclosed in an envelope, directed "to the President of the General Synod," which, appearing to be the same paper, purporting to be a complaint by the same individual, which the Synod had declared did not come regularly before them, and which the Clerk stated that he had loaned to a member of Synod but which on its return to him, he found to be materially altered; it was

The appeal was considered in the following order:—

1. The sentence appealed from was read.
2. The appeal and reasons of appeal were read.
3. All the documents in the case were read.
4. The Classis were heard by their Commissioners.
5. The Commissioners from the Particular Synod of New-York, were heard in explanation of the grounds of their decision.
6. The Commissioners of the Classis of New-York were heard in reply.

The parties having withdrawn, the roll was called and the opinions of the members expressed, when the following motion was made and seconded:—

Resolved, That the appeal of the Classis be sustained.

The question being taken upon this resolution, excluding those who had voted in the case, either in the Classis or in the Particular Synod of New-York, it was decided in the *affirmative*.

The ayes and nays, being called for, were taken, and are as follows:—

Ayes.—J. S. Woodward, F. F. Cornell, D. D. Demarest, J. H. Manning, G. Talmage, P. D. Van Cleef, B. C. Taylor, S. Duncan, J. H. Duryea, C. S. Hageman, J. Myers, T. C. Strong, J. Schoonmaker, T. Snediker, B. R. Hoagland, W. Brett, J. M. Keese, C. C. Van Arsdalen, T. B. Romeyn, M. Nevius, H. Doolittle, J. C. Cruikshank, J. A. Staats, J. S. Himrod, I. C. Boice, S. Rosman, R. Willis, J. A. Lansing, J. McCarty, J. N. Voorhis, H. W. Smuller, E. Alliger, E. P. Stimson, E. Nevius, E. O. Lansing, H. Morris, J. L. Starks, J. Veeder, J. West, R. Wells, C. Spaulding, A. B. Chittenden, R. P. Lee, J. B. Ten Eyck, E. Smith, J. Searle, S. M. Woodbridge, L. Preston, G. McCartney, J. J. Quick, O. H. Gregory, S. Crawford, J. T. Lansing, A. Van Nest.—54.

Nays.—C. D. Westbrook, W. B. Crosby, J. D. Littell, A. Bergen, W. H. Ten Eyck, T. McElroy, I. J. Slingerland, H. Slawson, J. M. Van Buren, A. J. Swits, J. Dubois.—11.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Nineteenth Annual Report of the Board of Education was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education was presented and referred to the Committee on Education.

The following report was received from the Committee appointed at the last General Synod to confer with the Board of Education, and with them to devise a more efficient system for our future educational operations, (see p. 72,) which was accepted, amended, and adopted:—

The Committee appointed by General Synod in June, 1850, to confer with the Board of Education, and with them to devise a more efficient system for our future educational operations, and to report thereon to the next General Synod, respectfully report:

That, as their appointment was the result of a renewed proposal of the Board of Education, for reducing the operations of the Church in this cause to a more uniform system; and as the plan so proposed in 1849, by the Board of Education, contained the leading features of the desired change of operations, this document, together with the several previous enactments of the Synod in the constitution of the Board of Education, and the several subsequent modifications thereof

The Synod's Committee took measures, therefore, with the Board of Education, to have this matter brought before the Trustees of the College in the hope of some arrangement which would relieve this difficulty. The Trustees have considered the subject, and "respectfully informed the Committee that the terms of trust upon which the Trustees hold the Van Benschoten Fund are such that the Board are unable to accede to the request."

While, therefore, the consolidation of the income of these funds, with that of the funds held by the Board of Direction of the Corporation of the Synod, cannot be effected, the Committee see no reason why the Board of Education should not have the beneficiaries, whose support or assistance is received from the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds, placed under their care to be subject to the rules of the Board in respect to the supervision of their deportment and progress in study, and thus be placed on the same footing with the other beneficiaries. Thus there will be a consolidation of interest and guardianship of all our beneficiaries, and in these particulars no one will be favored above another.

2d. Another modification, deemed important, is in regard to the selection of beneficiaries for aid.

Some beneficiaries, particularly those receiving from the Van Benschoten Fund, must, according to the terms of donation, be individually recommended by the Synod to the Trustees of Rutgers College; and the Synod's recommendation is usually based upon the recommendation of the Classis to which the individual belongs. Others are aided by the Board of Education on the recommendation of the Classes, and an examination by the Board of Education. This is another inequality. It has, moreover, often happened that the Board of Education have been compelled to decline receiving young men well approved by the Classes, and capable of sustaining a fair examination before the Board, on account of deficiency in funds. Some of these, so refused, who might have proved eminently useful in the ministry of reconciliation, have abandoned their contemplated and previously cherished purpose, or for a long time been kept back from prosecuting their preparatory studies.

Strong reasons exist in the judgment of the Committee, and are concurred in by the Board of Education, why a uniform system should be enacted in respect to *the admission of beneficiaries to the appropriation of money for their support and education.*

If the claims of applicants could be canvassed "*in connection,*" if there were ten or more, and funds sufficient for only half that number, and the five best qualified could be selected, there can be little doubt it would be highly advantageous to the College and Seminary as well as to the Church.

It has been suggested by the Board of Education, and the suggestion is highly approved by the Synod's Committee, on this interesting and vital point of admission to beneficiary aid, that the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary might most happily be constituted a Committee of Examination of applicants for admission to beneficiary aid; *provided all the* said applicants be required to

meet at New-Brunswick on a given day. Let each applicant produce his recommendation from his Classis, setting forth his character, talents, and attainments; let this be necessary to his admission to an examination before this Examining Committee; and let that Committee be furnished by the Treasurers of the Board of Education and of Rutgers College with a statement of the number of vacancies to be filled by new beneficiaries; and out of the whole number of applicants examined let the necessary number be selected.

The expenses of these applicants, in travelling to and from New-Brunswick for this purpose, should be paid by the Treasurer of the Education Board on a warrant from the Examining Committee.

It may be proper to add, that the intrusting of this matter to the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary is deemed appropriate on account of the manner in which that Board is constituted. Being composed of one member from each Classis, there would be in every instance some one of the Committee acquainted with the applicants from the Classis to which they belong, and who would be cognizant of the circumstances of their admission or rejection. Every Classis would thus in due season be made acquainted with these circumstances, and an interest be awakened in the cause of beneficiary education. In some instances, non-admission of deserving young men would occur from lack of funds; and if that be the only reason, some increased efforts would most probably be made in the bounds of the Classis to which he belongs—especially if non-admission should only result in delaying the young man's progress.

produce satisfactory testimonials of his being a regular member, in good standing, in the Reformed Dutch Church, and that he has been a member of some Protestant Church for at least one year previous to his making such application, and during that time has given satisfactory evidence of consistent and growing piety; as well as of his indigence, and serious desire to devote himself to the Christian ministry; and of his capacity and aptness to learn, and promise of usefulness in the Church of Christ. The above testimonials to be furnished by the minister and officers of the church to which he belongs, and the instructors with whom he has pursued his studies; and if these are satisfactory, in the judgment of the Classis to which he belongs, the Classis shall admit him to an examination before them, which if well sustained, such Classis shall furnish him with a recommendation, setting forth his character, talents, and attainments; which recommendation shall be presented to an Examining Committee to be appointed by the General Synod, and shall be a warrant for his examination by such Committee with a view to his recommendation by that Committee to the Board of Education for aid; and that no applicant shall be received by the Board as a beneficiary, until both examinations shall have been satisfactorily sustained.

3d. In the selection and reception of beneficiaries, a preference shall be given to those that are unmarried; and if any after having been received shall enter into the marriage state, they shall thereby forfeit all further claim to any appropriation that has been made to them; and none shall be received who have not completed, or who do not intend to complete a regular course of collegiate study, unless by special direction of General Synod.

4th. If at any period of his education a beneficiary shall be found falling short of the proposed standard of acquirement, it shall be the duty of the Board to withdraw their support: and in case such withdrawal shall have been rendered necessary by wilful neglect of duty, or mal-conduct, re-payment of what he shall have received shall be required.

5th. That the Board of Education shall appoint a Committee to visit the beneficiaries at least twice a year, and inquire into their proficiency and diligence in their studies—into their general deportment and Christian walk; and in case they have been deficient in either respect, to give them such advice and counsel as the case requires; and if they should prove to have been guilty of any gross improprieties, or neglect of duty, or inattention to their studies, they shall at all times be liable to be dismissed by the Board, and payment required of them for the moneys advanced to them; and in case of dismissal the Treasurer of the Board, from whom such beneficiary has been receiving his appropriation, shall immediately be notified to discontinue his payments.

6th. The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary shall constitute the Examining Committee referred to in the second of these rules; and such individuals as said Committee shall select out of the applicants for aid, and *shall recommend* to the Board of Education, shall *be received by said Board* under their care, and be subject

to those rules established by the General Synod, and to such by-laws as the Board of Education shall adopt.

7th. The Examining Committee shall meet in New-Brunswick annually, during their annual session as the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary; and all the applicants for beneficiary aid shall then and there present themselves for the required examination.

8th. The Board of Education shall direct their Treasurer to pay the travelling expenses of the applicants for aid, on a warrant from the Examining Committee, duly certified.

9th. In order that the Examining Committee may know how many beneficiaries can with propriety be received under the care of the Board, it shall be the duty of the Board of Education to communicate to the Examining Committee, at the opening of their annual session, the number of vacancies on the several scholarships, and the number of new beneficiaries they can reasonably expect to sustain during the year. And to secure from the Treasurer of Rutgers College a statement of the like character, as to the number of vacancies on the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds, the Examining Committee shall apply in due season to the said Treasurer.

To facilitate the organization of the Board under this plan, it is not necessary now to elect an entire Board. The proposed arrangement can be readily effected by the Synod's declaring the members of the Board of Education who were elected in June, 1849, and June, 1850, members of the Board for the unexpired portion of the terms for which they were respectively elected, viz.: Rev. J. Knox, D.D., R.

examinations required in the Plan of Operations of the Board of Education, as now adopted by General Synod.

The following report was received from the Committee appointed in relation to the preparation of a tract on the education of young men for the gospel ministry, (see p. 71,) which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on the Tract on the Education of Young Men for the Gospel Ministry beg leave to report:

That they have attended to the duty with which they were charged. A tract has been prepared at the request of the Committee, by the Rev. Dr. Hutton, long the Secretary of the Board of Education, and stereotyped, and a large edition printed, which is now in preparation for an extensive circulation among the churches. The Committee are happy in commending this tract to the attention and careful reading of their brethren, believing that it will be found well adapted to the state of feeling on the subject in our churches, and likely to accomplish, in a considerable degree, the end in view.

The stereotype plates will be deposited in the hands of the Board of Education, for future use; a very small additional expense will at any time supply another edition. After paying the necessary cost of publication, fifty dollars of the sum given have been placed with the Treasurer of the Board of Education, to be applied towards the expenses of an agent in behalf of the same cause. The Committee earnestly hope that the General Synod will see proper to clothe the Board of Education with power to appoint temporary agencies of ministers to visit the churches, to awaken and cherish better views on the subject than we fear have prevailed. It is believed that such agencies can be enjoyed from time to time without any other cost to the Board than the payment of necessary travelling expenses.

The kind donor of the money for the tract, deeply interested in the whole subject of Christian as well as ministerial education, has proposed to supply the Synod with some choice publications of a sister Church on the subject, of which he asks the acceptance of Synod. A further supply of the same will be left with the Rev. Dr. Hutton, Secretary of the Board of Education, for gratuitous circulation.

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Committee.

ISAAC FERRIS, *Chairman.*

New-York, June 3d, 1851.

The Twelfth Annual Report of the General Synod's Board of Sabbath-school Union was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Education present the following report:

The report to the General Synod, by the Board of Education, gives us the gratifying *results of their* labor, research, and assiduity,

in a cause which cannot fail in securing the parental and fostering attention of all the churches under our care.

The completion of a plan of operations by the Board of Education, and now confirmed by the General Synod, strengthens our confidence in these brethren; and invites the cordial co-operation of the ministers and friends of the Church in encouraging and sustaining pious, zealous, and warm-hearted young men in prosecuting and completing their preparatory discipline for entering upon the responsible work of the ministry of reconciliation; and we would recommend to this Synod to give to this faithful and successful Board such discretionary power in the appointment of such temporary agencies as they may deem necessary to rouse the churches to a more efficient course of action on the vital subject of religious and ministerial education; but let the expense of such agencies be confined within the limits of the moneys placed at their disposal.

We rejoice to learn that there are already so many scholarships for the enlistment of young men among the sons of the prophets; and it is particularly gratifying to us all to hear the voice of a beloved brother still speaking to the friends of the Church of his fathers, after he had finished his course, in the proposition by a friend of the Church as well as of that departed brother, to establish the "Cuyler Scholarship."

That friend has already deposited with the Treasurer of the Education Board the sum of $125, to pay for the support of one beneficiary for the ensuing year, with the assurance of the payment annually of

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Education whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen, viz.: Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D., David D. Demarest, and Mr. Theodore Frelinghuysen.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Managers of the General Synod's Sabbath-school Union, whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected, viz.: Rev. George H. Fisher, D.D., John M. Macauley, John Gosman, D.D., Garret I. Garretson, James Romeyn: and Messrs. John I. Brower, Charles Van Wyck, Jacob Brinckerhoff, Horatio P. Allen, Daniel R. Suydam, Thomas Earle, and James Anderson.

ARTICLE XIII.

RUTGERS COLLEGE.

The following report was received from the Standing Committee on Rutgers College, which was accepted and adopted:—

"The Standing Committee on Rutgers College" beg leave to submit the following as their first annual report to the General Synod, viz.:

The Committee on Rutgers College early met after their appointment, and organized by the choice of Isaac Ferris as Chairman, and Benjamin C. Taylor as Secretary. The term of service of the members was found to be as follows: Isaac Ferris for three years: Thomas M. Strong and Daniel P. Ingraham, two years; and Benjamin C. Taylor and Wm. C. Miller, one year.

The first business of the Committee was to ascertain the purposes of their appointment, and note the several subjects referred to them. Then, as one of the first steps in the performance of their duty, they communicated to the Board of Trustees the organization of the Committee, and its readiness to receive any communication from the Trustees on the subjects referred to them, or to confer with any similar Committee of the Board of Trustees.

It will be found, on reference to pages 89 and 90 of the Minutes of the last Synod, that three subjects were placed in the hands of this Committee, to wit: 1. The perfection of the title in the deed of the Trustees to the Synod, and consequent on this the completion of the legal instrument given by the Board of Corporation to the Trustees, where found requisite. 2. The due appointment of Dr. Van Vranken as Professor of Theology in the College. 3. The investment of the Van Benschoten Fund.

As to the first, this Committee were required to act in concert with the Board of Corporation. A joint meeting was held accordingly, and the President of the Corporation, Abraham Van Nest, appointed to bring the subject to the attention of the Trustees of the College. In reply,

the following document was received from the Clerk of t furnished by their order:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, held 7 27th of May inst., A. D. 1851, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in regard to the supposed informalities in the certi execution of the Trustees' deed to the Synod for the College and pr Board are of opinion that nothing therein can invalidate the said deed; ar after the peaceable possession of the Synod for more than twenty ye repeated confirmations of their title by the Trustees in the Declarati securing their use of the premises, and the leases taken from the Synod f ident's house and Van Neste Hall and premises; and that therefore any fu or proceedings on the subject is not necessary or expedient.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Secre Standing Committee of the Synod on Rutgers College, the Rev. Dr. Ta

The above is a true extract from the Minutes of the Board of Truste gers College, at a meeting held May 27th, A. D. 1851.

WARREN HARDENBERGH, *Secretary of the*

New-Brunswick, May 27th, A. D. 1851.

This action of the Board your Committee deem satisfact circumstances, and as completing an important matter, an what some considered a question beyond doubt. The Board poration, having received a copy of this action of the Board tees, will file the same for any future reference.

Concerning the second subject your Committee have receive munication. They are happy to learn, however, from the a of different members of the Board of Trustees, that just taken of the subject, and that there is no doubt that our

to the Trustees of Rutgers College as tuition fees—the donor or donors shall be entitled in perpetuity, if desired, to nominate the scholar to be educated on said scholarship; and that the Trustees of Rutgers College be requested to receive and educate such scholar on the same terms as a pupil on any similar scholarship endowed and intrusted to the care of said Trustees.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

The following communication was received from the Rev. Professor McClelland, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate:—

NEW-BRUNSWICK, June 1, 1851.

General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church:

DEAR BRETHREN:—After long suffering from a disease of the head and nervous system, I have resolved to make the experiment of travelling, with a faint hope of leaving it somewhere behind me; and accordingly hereby resign my office of Professor in your Theological Institution. I might have indulged a hope, perhaps, that after a service of twenty years, during the whole of which time I have not lost *that number* of lectures and recitations, a temporary leave of absence would be granted; but unwillingness to occasion a break in the regular studies of the Seminary which might be somewhat protracted, has induced me to adopt a more decided measure. My determination has been strengthened by the harassing labor to which I am constantly subjected as sole teacher of Hebrew, Ancient Geography, Antiquities, &c. &c. The other duties of my department are of the most agreeable and interesting character. But two hours a day, spent in mere elementary drilling, would try the health and patience of one much more highly gifted in these respects than myself. The employment of a tutor, at my own expense, at one time suggested itself as a remedy to the evil; but I was deterred from proposing the measure by a fear that it might be considered an undesirable innovation.

With these views of the subject, I have concluded to surrender the whole trust into younger and more vigorous hands. I would do injustice to my feelings if I closed this communication without expressing a grateful sense of the kindness which I have experienced from your venerable body during our connection together. It is engraved on my heart, and will never be forgotten.

Fervently invoking the blessing of God on the important interests committed to your charge, and especially on "the school of the prophets" with which is bound up so much of the Church's hope for the future, I remain, dear brethren,

Yours in Christian bonds, and with the greatest respect,

ALEX. McCLELLAND.

I am happy to state that full provision has been made for bringing the classes to the point *which they usually* attain at the end of the

year. All the heavy work is completed, and the short time intervenes before examination is spent in *revision*. Nor will there any interruption of the daily exercises. Well qualified members the graduating class will meet their junior brethren at all the u hours. My departure, therefore, a short time before the close of session, will not produce the smallest inconvenience.

A communication addressed by the Rev. Professor McClelland the Board of Corporation was also presented, read, and referred the Committee on the Professorate.

The Committee on the Professorate reported upon the ab communications, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is follows:—

The Committee on the Professorate beg leave respectfully to rep in part:

That they have given their best consideration to the papers c nected with the resignation of the Professor of Biblical Literature our Seminary, and recommend the adoption of the following reso tions:

1. *Resolved*, That, in view of the circumstances assigned by the P fessor as the cause of his desire to withdraw from his post, to wit, protracted absence in Europe, and the enfeebled state of his hea his resignation be reluctantly accepted.

ing the duties of the office be signed in the presence of the General ynod by the President thereof, and by him be given in the name of e Church to the Professor elect.

Resolved, That the salary of the Professor elect be seventeen hunred and fifty dollars per annum.

Resolved, That the Professor of Biblical Literature be inaugurated nto his office on Wednesday, the first day of October next, at 11 'clock A.M., in the First Reformed Dutch church in New-Brunswick; nd that in addition to the inaugural address to be delivered on that ccasion by the Professor elect, the Rev. Duncan Kennedy, D.D., be nd hereby is appointed to preside and to deliver a sermon, and the Rev. George W. Bethune, D.D., to deliver a charge to the Professor; and that the Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D., be secundus to the Rev. Duncan Kennedy, D.D., and the Rev. Thomas De Witt, D.D., secundus to Rev. G. W. Bethune, D.D.

Resolved, That the President of Synod, and the Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, and the Elder W. B. Crosby, be appointed a Committee to wait on the Rev. W. H. Campbell, D.D., to inform him of his election, and obtain from him his decision on the subject, as soon as practicable.

The Committee reported that they had waited on the Professor elect, and that at their request he would in person attend the Synod and announce his decision.

In accordance with this arrangement, the Professor elect appeared in Synod on the morning of the eighth day of the session, and declared his acceptance of the appointment of the General Synod as their Professor of Biblical Literature.

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Jeremiah Whitemack, Peter Spader, and John Stoothoff, be a Committee to aid Professor Campbell in his removal to New-Brunswick, and that the Treasurer of General Synod is hereby authorized to pay the expenses of the same.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was accepted, amended, adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on the Professorate beg leave further to report:

I. The permanent funds of the Church continue to be, as they ever have been, safely secured and carefully managed; and it is gratifying to learn that nearly six thousand dollars of the subscriptions toward the Third Professorship have been paid during the year. The warm thanks of the Church are due to the Board of Direction for their unwearied care and diligence in this matter. The efforts made, according to the direction of the last General Synod, for the liquidation of the debt which has embarrassed our operations for several years past, have been attended with *much success*. The greater number of the

Classes and churches have contributed promptly and cheerfully; and your Committee recommend that a list of them, with the sums paid, be set forth at length in the *Christian Intelligencer*. But while the whole amount assessed on the churches is $5,600, the sum thus far paid in reaches only $4,131 52. It is therefore greatly to be desired that the churches which have been deficient will at once come up to the work, and discharge the obligation. This is the more necessary, because the Board have need of all the funds which can be raised. The contingent expenses of the present year are to be met; an extraordinary expenditure of $400 is required by a subsequent section of this report; and besides these facts, the state of the money market has compelled the Board to submit to a reduction of the rate of interest from seven to six per cent. It is obvious, therefore, that this is not the time for any of our churches to falter.

The note of Rev. John F. Schermerhorn has remained unpaid for several years, and will be outlawed during the ensuing autumn. The Committee recommend that the Board of Direction be authorized to effect a final settlement of this note, on the best terms practicable, and as soon as possible.

Some apprehension has heretofore been entertained, on the part of the Synod, in regard to a defect in the deed of the College property from the Board of Trustees to the General Synod. The Committee rejoice to learn from the Board of Direction that a resolution covering the whole ground, in the most satisfactory manner, has been adopted by the Board of Trustees. A copy of this resolution will be found

A paper signed by two ministers of the Classis of Geneva has been referred to us, stating that a request for a dispensation was sent up by that Classis to the Particular Synod of Albany, but unfortunately was overlooked by that body. The request is that the Classis may have leave to examine Mr. Adrian K. Kasse, with a view to his licensure and ordination if found qualified. Mr. Kasse is a Hollander, who has studied Theology for several years in Holland, and who during his two years' residence in this country has given evidence, fully satisfactory to his countrymen at Pultneyville, of his piety and ability to teach. In view of the peculiar circumstances of the case, the Committee are decidedly of the opinion that the request should be granted.

IV. In regard to the time when the salary of the new Professor shall commence, the Committee are unanimously of the opinion that it should begin on September 1st, that is, at the point of time when the salary of the late Professor is to cease.

V. Nine young men have enjoyed the benefit of the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds during the past year, and two of these will be applicants for licensure during the coming summer. One person is recommended by the Classis of New-Brunswick, and another by the Classis of Schoharie, to receive aid from these Funds. Wherefore,

Resolved, That they be recommended for the desired aid.

All which is respectfully submitted.

TALBOT W. CHAMBERS, *Chairman.*

Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary whose term of service had expired. Nominations were received from the Classes of Schenectady, Passaic, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Greene, and South Classis of New-York, which were confirmed. It was referred to the Committee on Nominations to report double the number of persons from whom to choose members for those Classes who have not nominated. The Committee reported, and the election took place accordingly. The following are the persons chosen to fill the vacancies in the Board of Superintendents: Rev. John M. Van Buren, John Van Liew, William J. R. Taylor, Horace Doolittle, Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D., Oscar H. Gregory, and Isaac Ferris, D.D. The Rev. Abraham V. Wyckoff was chosen in place of Rev. D. Murdock, D.D., resigned.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

PREVAILING SINS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

The primarius and secundus appointed to preach the sermon on Domestic Missions having stated to the Synod the reason why it was not in their power to fulfil this duty, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. E. S. Porter be requested to preach a sermon on this subject.

In conformity with the above request, the Rev. Mr. Porter preached a sermon on the subject of Domestic Missions, on the evening of the second day of the session, from Joshua xiii. 1: "*There remaineth very much land to be possessed.*"

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be presented to the Rev. Mr. Porter for his sermon, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same, to be put into the hands of the Board of Domestic Missions for publication.

The Committee on Missions reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Missions would respectfully report as follows:—

I. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The whole subject of Foreign Missions, so far as they are connected with our own Church, demands our most serious and devout practical consideration. In surveying the fields which we have occupied, the efforts we have made to plant the standard of the cross on heathen shores, the reverses we have met, and the present perplexities which environ our missionary enterprises, it behooves us to look intently to the Source of all wisdom for direction in respect to the course hereafter to be pursued.

The Amoy station has during the past year been visited with encouraging tokens of the Divine favor. These have cheered the missionaries in their toil, and should stimulate brethren at home to larger efforts in behalf of the heathen world. Eight Chinese have been induced, through the instrumentality of our missionaries, to renounce their ancestral religion and confess the Lord Jesus. The chapel is visited by increasing numbers on every Lord's day, among whom are some who seem to be earnest seekers of the way of life. The school connected with the mission is attended by a larger number of scholars than at any former period, and the general condition of the station appears promising and prosperous.

Yet the very prosperity which has been secured to it, in the Divine providence, should reprove us for the comparatively limited force employed in that broad and inviting field. Amoy being a great commercial mart, whence evangelical influences may be transmitted to all parts of the empire, affords every encouragement to missionary labor; and with such encouragements to incite to increased effort, should we not, as a Church, look intently to heaven, and pray the Lord of the harvest to raise up additional laborers? Brothers Doty and Talmage have sent their appeals to the churches at home for help. Are there none within our bounds ready to forsake all the associations and possessions of home, for Christ's sake and the gospel?

With respect to the Borneo Mission, we are brought by the providence of God into a state not only of anxiety but of doubt. That field has been endeared to our sympathies by the toils and self-denials of some who through faith and patience have already inherited the promises; as also by the appeals of one who is with us this day, as the representative of the Dyaks. The question now is forced upon us, Shall we permanently abandon that field of labor? or shall we aim to arouse the missionary spirit among our churches and in our Theological Seminary, that peradventure men may be secured to enter this wide and effectual door?

It would seem as if prudential as well as conscientious considerations should urge upon us an earnest and united effort to re-occupy that field. It would be a melancholy reflection for us to entertain, that we had set the first *example of retreat* from the contest with heathen-

ism. Has God there raised up any insuperable barriers to our ultimate success? Have there not, on the contrary, been signal evidences of the Divine favor bestowed upon the labors of our missionaries? and should we not rather reproach ourselves for our want of faith and zeal, than endeavor to find providential obstacles to deter from future exertions to reduce the inhabitants of Borneo to the obedience of the cross?

It is gratifying to state that means to sustain the Borneo Mission are not wanting. And as brother Steele will probably return to the scenes of his former labor, may not prayers to God and entreaties with men avail to secure some devoted and well-qualified brethren to accompany him thither?

The Committee feel that if faith in the covenant promises of God and love unfeigned for the glory of Christ could be more deeply implanted within the hearts of our theological students, the cry for laborers would not be long unanswered. And may we not hope that some Martyn, or Morrison, or Abeel may soon appear to offer himself, with others, as a living sacrifice upon the altar of missionary effort? It must rest, however, very much upon the pastors of our churches, to promote in every proper way—by conversation, by appeals from the desk, by concerts for prayer, and by the diffusion of missionary intelligence among their people—a deep and steady increase of interest in behalf of a perishing world, and especially in behalf of the missions attached to our Church. A paper from the Prudential Committee of the A. B. C. F. M. has been referred to the Committee, which paper is designed to call the attention of the Synod to the terms of the original

speedily as possible, the Borneo field, and that the Board of Foreign Missions be directed to make greater efforts to aid our beloved brother Steele in establishing there a strong and efficient mission.

4. *Resolved*, That we cheerfully express our undiminished confidence in the A. B. C. F. M., and consider our connection with the same as just in the terms of agreement, and proved to be useful by practical tests.

5. *Resolved*, That we regard the manner in which our missionary operations have been conducted in connection with the A. B. C. F. M. in time past, to be a proper interpretation of our wishes in respect to the future, and that we deem it our duty to sustain our own distinctive missions.

II. DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The past year has been one of singular and hitherto unequalled prosperity to our Domestic Board and its operations. The sore and painful pecuniary embarrassments which have so long and sadly crippled its enterprises are removed. God, who turneth the hearts of the children of men, has been pleased to beget a wider and more earnest attention on the part of our churches to the claims of this domestic institution; and while prayers have ascended in its behalf, liberalities and benefactions in its support have not been withheld. It is with joy unfeigned that this body can now look upon the condition of this organization; and while the members congratulate each other upon its deliverance from debt, they will not fail to ascribe praise to the God of Israel, who hath put a new song into our mouths; our harps, long pendent upon the willows, will be taken down, and together will we sing—"For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake will I not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth."

The sum total of receipts for the last year is - -	$10,744 80
The sum total of disbursements, - - - - -	10,409 99
Balance in Treasury, - - - - - - - -	334 81
Excess over previous year, - - - - - -	4,809 81

Besides the large increase of pecuniary assistance rendered to the Board, there has been a clear manifestation of Divine favor toward many of the churches and stations under its care. The Holy Spirit has through the instrumentality of the truth converted many to the knowledge of Jesus, thus increasing the number of communicants, and adding numerical and moral strength to the missions and feeble churches connected with the Board. New and commodious houses of worship have been erected, and others already built have been in whole or part relieved from debt; and although from some parts of the field there is heard the sound of lamentation and woe because of secular straits and spiritual barrenness, yet, upon a full review of the present state of our domestic missions, and a comparison of the same with that of former years, we think we have full warrant for saying that God has never before bestowed upon this department of our labors a larger measure of blessing.

But while we *rejoice in recounting* the mercies of God in behalf of

this cause, we should not forget to treasure the moral they would convey to our understandings and impress upon our hearts. In proportion as the Church has stretched herself forward to extend the boundaries of the Redeemer's kingdom, as she has consecrated her energies in larger devotion to the cross, even so hath she been blessed. And in the blessings wherewith God has crowned our exertions, does he not clearly signify, that according to our *faith* and perseverance and self-denial so shall it be done unto us? The history of our missionary efforts, through many by-gone years, is blotted with tears and dark with remembered sorrows, but that history testifies of coldness and indifference and positive neglect of Christ's last command. Now, however, as soon as our churches show an increase of love, and manifest a hearty desire to build up the Redeemer's spiritual temple, God rends the heavens and sends down showers of blessing.

We have at length emerged from a slough of difficulty and embarrassment, and it behooves us now to ponder well the question, Whether from the point we have at length gained we shall advance or recede. The new year upon which we are entering will furnish in part the reply. As we survey the field open for our occupation, we must feel—unless our sensibilities be all withered and our consciences torpid—that what we have accomplished is as nothing compared with the much there is yet to do. The West with its teeming multitudes requires our benevolent exertion in its behalf. The Germans and Hollanders, as well as others, are accessible to us, and they need, more than they need the air of heaven, that gospel, without which life is an enigma, and eter-

be taken away even that which he hath." Talents and resources committed to our trust, if rightly and steadily employed in the Master's service, will multiply in more than arithmetical progression; for God blesses faithful labors without measure or stint. But they whose strength it is to sit still, inevitably wither and perish through their own inaction. The enlargement of our denominational territories, the conversion and sanctification of lost souls, not only, but our very preservation as a Church, counsel us to foster and cherish a missionary spirit—a spirit that shall grasp a world in its sympathies and prayers, and provide alike for the neighbor at our doors and the stranger on distant shores. The specific facts contained in the Report of the Executive, interesting as they are, cannot here be detailed or even generalized; and as that report will be published in full, the Committee consider their duty fulfilled after presenting the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved,* That we deem it incumbent on our Church to extend our Domestic Missionary operations far beyond the limits we have hitherto attained.

2. *Resolved,* That we would here erect the memorial of grateful hearts, and present our sincere thank-offering of praise for that measure of Divine favor, bestowed upon our Domestic Missionary efforts during the past year, and humbly pray for a continuance of the same.

3. *Resolved,* That we cherish great confidence in the Board of Domestic Missions, and in the fidelity and zeal with which the officers of that Board have discharged their duties.

4. *Resolved,* That those churches which have been aided by the funds of the Board, and now neglect to contribute to the same, should feel themselves bound in simple gratitude, but more by a sense of Christian obligation, to aid the institution to which they owe either their origin or their continuance; and that the Corresponding Secretary be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to such delinquent churches.

5. *Resolved,* That it be referred to the several Classes to devise, as far as they may, the most effectual methods by which competent men within their bounds may be prevailed upon to devote themselves to the work of Domestic Missions.

6. *Resolved,* That we cherish a fervent sympathy for all the churches of our Holland brethren in our Western States, and likewise for those who, residing in sparse settlements, are deprived of the regular ministrations of the gospel.

7. *Resolved,* That it be referred to a committee of three, consisting of Rev. Drs. Ferris and Fisher, and the Corresponding Secretary of the Board, to inquire into the practicability of publishing a monthly sheet, about the size of the Bible Record, to be devoted to the spread of missionary intelligence, respecting the missions of our own Church, both foreign and domestic; and in case arrangements to accomplish this object can be made in a way to meet the approval of the Board of Domestic Missions, that then they be authorized to issue the same as speedily as practicable.

8. *Resolved,* That the Treasurers of the respective Boards of Do-

mestic and Foreign Missions be authorized to pay the expenses of the missionary preachers, except where delegates to Synod.

9. *Resolved*, That hereafter the sermon on Domestic Missions be preached on the evening of the second day of the session, and the sermon on Foreign Missions on the evening of the succeeding Monday.

E. S. PORTER, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following persons were elected, viz.:—Rev. Thomas M. Strong, D.D., James B. Hardenbergh, D.D., Alexander M. Mann, and Messrs. Charles S. Little and John Slosson.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Domestic Missions whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following persons were chosen, viz.:—Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, D.D., George W. Bethune, D.D., Maurice L. Dwight, D.D., and Messrs. Theodore Frelinghuysen, Thomas C. Doremus, William B. Crosby, John S. Bussing and Isaac Roosevelt.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number

stated and semi-annual aid, none can appreciate so well as those who receive it; and your Committee cannot but feel that the Church and her ministry should do more, ten-fold more, than has yet been done, to increase this Fund, and give it more permanency. Your Committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to all our churches, to assist by contribution to increase the capital of this Fund.

A communication from the Rev. John Gray has also been placed in the hands of your Committee, setting forth, that the church at Schodack have paid over to the Widows' Fund, in 1839, $42 20; in 1841, $40 39—which said consistory say they designed for the benefit of the Rev. Mr. Gray, who was then their pastor. If the rules adopted in reference to this Fund permit, it would seem to be just that this amount should be credited to Mr. Gray, to constitute him as far as it goes a subscriber. Your Committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the communication of the Rev. John Gray be referred to Isaac Young, Esq., with instruction, that if the rules adopted permit, to credit the amount of $82 59 to the Rev. Mr. Gray, as if paid by him; and if this cannot be done in accordance with the established rule, to inform the Rev. Mr. Gray of the same.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. VAN OLINDA, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XX.

PARTICULARIA.

The communication containing the bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

The Rev. Mr. Mesick, the delegate from the German Reformed Church, presented to the Synod two copies of a work entitled, "The Heidelberg Catechism; or, short Instruction in Christian Doctrine, as it is conducted in the Churches and Schools of the Palatinate and elsewhere. Translated from the German by Rev. J. H. Good and Rev. H. Harbaugh."

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be returned to the Rev. Mr. Mesick for the above work, and that it be referred to the Professors of the Seminary, with a request that they examine the same and report thereon to the next General Synod.

The Rev. John A. Lansing, Jacob N. Voorhees, and the Elder Jacob T. Lansing were appointed a Committee of Canvass, to whom the ballots cast for filling vacancies in the several Boards of the Synod, for delegates to the corresponding churches, and for persons to preach the Missionary Sermons, were committed; who reported the result of the election.

The Rev. Jeremiah *Searle, S. M.* Woodbridge, and the Elder Elijah

Alliger, were appointed a Committee on Leave of Absence, to whom applications for this purpose shall be made, who reported from time to time on the applications made to them.

Resolved, That a collection be taken up in all our churches for the contingent expenses of General Synod, and that the several Classis take measures to have this resolution attended to.

Certain resolutions were offered by the Elder John McCarty, which were referred to the next General Synod.

ARTICLE XXI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

The Rev. Isaac Ferris, D.D., and the Elder W. B. Crosby, presented credentials as commissioners from the American Bible Society, with a request that they be allowed to present the claims of the Bible cause to the Synod.

The above-named individuals were heard in behalf of the American Bible Society, on the morning of the second day of the session.

Resolved, That in the American Bible Society, this Synod recognizes an institution whose claims to the confidence and patronage of our

tion Society, was heard at his request on the third day of the session, in behalf of the operations of that Society. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the General Synod have continued confidence in the Colonization Society, and that they recommend it as worthy the liberal support of our churches, and particularly to the usual collection on the 4th of July, or on some Sabbath most convenient, near that time.

ARTICLE II.

PASTORAL LETTER.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTCLIE XXIV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts reported, and their report was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on Accounts report that they have received the following papers, viz.: A bill for printing, $3; and one from the door-keeper, $15. The Committee recommend that these bills be paid.

J. R. TALMAGE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish one thousand copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be presented to the families who have entertained the members of this body, for their very generous and cordial hospitality.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be presented to the ministers and consistories of the Reformed Protestant Dutch churches of Albany, for the use of their church buildings during the sessions of Synod.

Agreeably to the standing rule of Synod, the roll was called at the close of the session, when it appeared that the following persons were

absent without permission, viz.: Cornelius C. Van Arsdale and John G. Johnson.

The Minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned to meet in the Reformed Dutch church in the city of Williamsburg, on the first Wednesday in June, 1852, at 10 o'clock A.M.; and was closed with singing the 467th hymn, prayer, and pronouncing the apostolic benediction by the President.

A. M. MANN, *President.*

RANSFORD WELLS, *Adscessor.*

RALPH WILLIS, } *Clerks.*
THOMAS C. STRONG, }

Official copy from the original Minutes.

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

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Formation of Synod.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Alexander M. Mann,
sident of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon on the
of the first day of the session, from Isaiah iv. 5.: "*For upon all
y shall be a defence.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

From the Particular Synod of New-York.

rom the Classis of New-York.—Rev. John C. Guldin, Aaron
Thomas E. Vermilye, D.D. *Elders*—Abraham Van Nest, Wil-
oram, Stephen C. Lynes.

rom the South Classis of New-York.—Rev. Mancius S. Hutton,
ohn B. Steele, James M. Mathews, D.D. *Elders*—Alfred Riggs,
3. Wood.

3. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*—Rev. James K. Campbell, ıuel B. How, D.D., Elijah R. Craven. *Elders*—Henry Vanderveer, hn Doty, Thomas Talmage.

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*—Rev. Gustavus Abeel, D.D., Thomas Gregory. *Elders*—William H. Kirk, Minot C. Morgan, John N roleman.

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*—Rev. Aaron B. Winfield, William . Van Doren, Peter Allen.

6. *From the South Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. J. Paschal Strong, eorge W. Bethune, D.D., Nehemiah P. Pierce. *Elders*—Stephen P. oothoff,[5] David M. Stone, Peter G. Bergen.[1]

7. *From the North Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. Giles H. Mande le, John B. Alliger, John W. Ward.* *Elders*—Elias W. Van Voor es, James V. H. Lawrence.†

8. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. Alexander M. Mann, rancis M. Kip, Abraham Polhemus. *Elders*—Matthew Luyster, William

13. *From the Classis of Westchester.*—Rev. Peter H. Burghardt, John M. Ferris, Abel T. Stewart.§ *Elder*—Jacob Storms.§

From the Particular Synod of Albany.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*—Rev. William W. Halloway,[4] Jacob Van Vechten, D.D.‡ *Elders*—Abram F. Lansing, Leonard G. Ten Eyck.[2]

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*—Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord, Cornelius L. Van Dyck,[6] Samuel Harlow.[3] *Elders*—Jonathan Auchmoody,[6] Luther Lafflin,[6] Abram Beice.*

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*—Rev. Edwin Holmes,[2] John W. Shenck,* William Bailey.‖

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*—Rev. Hiram Slawson,[5] Uriah Marvin. *Elders*—Abraham Van Vechten,[1] Abraham Marshall,[6] P. V. N. Morris.‡

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*—Rev. Cornelius S. Mead, Nathan F. Chapman. *Elder*—Jacob H. Diefendorf.[3]

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*—Rev. Lawrence H. Van Dyck, Jacob H. Van Woert, Edwin Vedder.* *Elders*—Storm S. Becker,* Isaac H. Watson.*

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*—Rev. Alanson B. Chittenden, Abram J. Swits, Goyn Talmage.† *Elders*—John D. Odgsbury, John Sanders.

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*—Rev. Francis T. Drake, David B. Hall.

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* Took his seat on the second day of the session.

† Took his seat on the third day of session, and succeeded on the sixth by the Rev. W. L. James.

‡ Took his seat on the sixth day of the session.

§ Took his seat on the seventh day of the session.

‖ Took his seat on the eighth day of the session.

[1] Obtained leave of absence on the sixth day of the session.

[2] Obtained leave of absence after the sixth day of the session.

[3] Obtained leave of absence on the seventh day of the session.

[4] Obtained leave of absence on the eighth day of the session.

[5] Obtained leave of absence on the ninth day of the session.

[6] Obtained leave of absence on the tenth day of the session.

9. *From the Classis of Orange.*—Rev. Martin V. Schoonmaker, W: liam Youngblood, and Robert Pitts. *Elders.*—Austin Strong, Jes Scofield.

10. *From the Classis of Greene.*—Rev. William E. Turner,[2] Phil Peltz, James M. Compton. *Elder*—Liberty Preston.

11. *From the Classis of Michigan.*—Rev. David McNeish,* David Jones.* *Elder.*—Daniel Dayton.†

12. *From the Classis of Watervliet.*—Rev. Oscar H. Gregory, The dore F. Wyckoff, Charles N. Waldron.* *Elders*—Samuel Crawfor Jacob J. Lansing,[1] Clarkson F. Crosby.

13. *From the Classis of Geneva.*—Rev. John Whitbeck,[2] Geor Rockwell, C. H. A. Bulkley.[2]

14. *From the Classis of Holland.*

The Rev. Professors Van Vranken and Campbell were present in t Synod on the seventh day of the session.

ARTICLE III.

Acts of the Synod.

ARTICLE I.

ORDERS AND RULES.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On the Professorate.—Rev. Samuel B. How, George W. Bethune, Gabriel Ludlow; and the Elders, William H. Crosby and Abraham Van Nest.

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord, Hiram Stewson, and William H. Van Doren; and the Elders, Henry Vanderveer and Peter G. Bergen.

On Missions.—Rev. Francis M. Kip, James K. Campbell, and Alexander M. Mann; and the Elders, David M. Stone and Matthew Layster.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. Cornelius C. Van Arsdale, William E. Turner, and Nathan F. Chapman; and the Elders, Elias W. Van Voorhees and Jonathan Auchmoody.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Rev. John B. Steele, John Gardner, and Philip Peltz; and the Elders, William H. Kirk and Abraham F. Lansing.

On Accounts.—Rev. Alanson B. Chittenden, Abram J. Switz, A. B. Winfield; and the Elders, John Sanders and Thomas Talmage.

On Correspondence.—Rev. William H. Van Doren, Cornelius L. Van Dyck, and John Whitbeck; and the Elders, Jacob B. Wood and John Doty.

On Education.—Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, Theodore F. Wyckoff, and Edwin Holmes; and the Elders, William Woram and Jacob J. Lansing.

On Nominations.—Rev. Martin V. Schoonmaker, Aaron Lloyd, and

John Whitbeck; and the Elders, Clarkson F. Crosby and John N. Jeroleman.

On the Widows' Fund.—Rev. John B. Alliger, William Youngblood, and Nathaniel Conklin; and the Elders, Stephen C. Lynes and Jesse Scofield.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, which was read and referred to the Committee on the Professorate:—

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church:

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary report, that they met in stated session in the Theological Hall at New-Brunswick, on Tuesday, July 15th, 1851, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The President, Rev. John Knox, D.D., took the chair, and opened the meeting with prayer.

The following members were present:

Of the Middle Class.

John Gaston,	Joseph A. Collier,	A. P. Van Giesen.
Isaac M. See,	Robert D. Julian,	

Of the Junior Class.

Joachim Elmendorf,	Joseph H. Kershow,	William G. See,
Charles J. Shepherd,	Nathan W. Jones,	John L. McNair.
Stephen Searle,		

The Theological Faculty in their report say: "The dispensations of the providence of God in regard to the institution during the past year have been unwontedly trying. Besides the removal by resignation of one of the Professors, there has been a diminution of the number of students both by sickness and death. The loss has fallen on the Senior Class. Henry K. How and Joseph Scudder, in consequence of enfeebled health, have been obliged to relinquish their studies for the present; and Peter Elmendorf has been by death removed to enjoy the end of his faith."

The students of the several classes were examined in the various studies of their respective departments; and the members of the Senior Class also on the evidences of their personal piety, and their views in seeking to enter the ministry. They likewise exhibited specimens of the composition and delivery of sermons. In view of which, it was

Resolved, That the examination be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Professors for the usual certificates.

The annual sermon before the Board was preached by Rev. R. Ormiston Currie, D.D., from Acts xxvi. 17, 18, on the evening of the first day of the session. And at the close of the examination, the address to the students was delivered by Rev. Brogun Hoff.

The seats of the following members of the Board will become vacant at the time of the next meeting of the General Synod:

Rev. Alexander H. Warner,	*of the*	*Classis of Bergen.*
" R. Ormiston Currie, D.D.,	"	*South Classis of Long Island.*
" John S. Himrod,	"	*Classis of Hudson.*
" John H. Pitcher,	" "	*Washington.*
" John T. Demarest, D.D.,	" "	*Orange.*
" Jacob West,	" "	*Schoharie.*

There will also be two members to be chosen from the recently-formed Classes of Geneva and Westchester.

The Board having received a communication through Rev. Dr. Kennedy, from the family of the late Rensselaer Westerlo, Esq., of Albany, offering as a donation to the library of the General Synod two hundred and fifty volumes of theological works in the Dutch language, from the library of his late revered father, Rev. Dr. Eilardus Westerlo, it was

Resolved, unanimously, That this Board accept upon the terms proposed *the said donation, with a high* consideration of its value and of the

good-will of the family in bestowing it; and pray that the blessing
God may ever rest on all its members.

That the Rev. Dr. Wyckoff be a Committee on the part of this Boar
to receive and transmit the books to New-Brunswick.

That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family throug
Rev. Dr. Kennedy.

Mr. Stephen Searle, a member of the Junior Class of the Theologic
Seminary, having been examined by the Board on the various subjec
prescribed by General Synod, and having presented the requisite tes
monials, it was

Resolved, That he be recommended to the Board of Education for a
while pursuing his theological studies.

ISAAC FERRIS, *President.*

A true copy.

D. D. DEMAREST, *Stated Clerk.*

New-Brunswick, July 16th, 1851.

The following communication was received from the Stated Clerk, whi
was read and referred to the Committee on the State of Religion :—

At the last meeting of the General Synod the following resolution w
adopted :

"*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk procure the insertion of columns in t
statistical tables for the report of the moneys contributed to the Board
Foreign Missions; the Board of Domestic Missions; the Board of Ed

A communication was received from the Classis of Paramus, in relation to the resolutions of the last Synod attaching to them the churches of Minisink and Deerpark; which was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

Communications were received from the Classes of New-Brunswick and Greene, recommending certain individuals as suitable persons to receive aid in the prosecution of studies preparatory to the gospel ministry; which were referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from Alfred Carhartt, purporting to be a petition and complaint in relation to certain proceedings in his case by the Consistory of the Twenty-first street church, in New-York, in reference to the decision of his appeal by the Classis of New-York and the Particular Synod of New-York; which was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

A communication was received signed Maria Stebbins, which was read and laid on the table. The paper having been subsequently taken up, it was

Resolved, That the further consideration of it be indefinitely postponed.

A communication was received from the Rev. Professor Van Vranken, in relation to certain repairs to the wing of the college edifice in which he resides; which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from Mr. Charles Van Wyck, the proprietor of the *Christian Intelligencer*, which was read and referred to the Committee on the subject of a religious paper. (See Art. VII.)

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF CORPORATION.

The following report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation was received, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, the Annual Digest, a list of the securities held by the Board, a list of the endowed scholarships, a list of clerical subscribers to the Widows' Fund, and accounts current of said Board with the Widows' Fund and the Board of Education, and the report of Peter Spader, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, in relation to the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds:—

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church:

The Board of Direction respectfully report: That during the past year they have *given to the interests* intrusted to them the attention

which a just sense of their importance demands. All their proceedin have been conducted with cordial unanimity. They are happy to infor the Synod that, whilst some of the trusts confided to them are less flo ishing than they desire, particularly that of the Relief Fund, the gene condition of its financial affairs may be regarded as prosperous. T payment of the debt, upon the plan arranged by Synod in 1850, l given a most desirable relief to the treasury. All the responsibilities the Synod have been punctually met. The vested funds are well secur and the interest on them regularly received.

Abraham Van Nest, Esq., the President of the Board, has paid i the treasury his subscription of five thousand dollars towards the endo ment of the third professorship, on which he has for many years b paying interest. This amount has been loaned on bond secured mortgage on ample city property.

The widow of the late Rev. John F. Schermerhorn has been writ to on the subject of his indebtedness to Synod; and her reply has b received, acknowledging the indebtedness, and promising payment wh practicable.

In September last the Rev. A. D. Wilson and Mr. John G. Voorhi of Fairview, Illinois, were appointed the agents of Synod, to take pos sion of the church edifice and property of the Reformed Dutch chu of Brunswick, Peoria county, Illinois, and protect it from injury, and ma the best disposition of the same in their power, for the interest of Syn No answer having been received, these gentlemen have again been writ

The Treasurer's Report, herewith submitted, will exhibit a clear and detailed account of the financial affairs of the Synod in their several departments.

It is a matter of congratulation to the Board and to the Synod, that so brief a report is necessary. In the matters confided to the Board there is nothing of a perplexed or disturbing character.

The President of the Board, Abraham Van Nest, Esq., and William B. Crosby, Esq., are appointed to give the Synod any additional information that may be required.

Respectfully submitted.

ABM. VAN NEST, *President.*

JOHN KNOX, } *Directors.*
W. B. CROSBY, }

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

New-York, June 1st, 1852.

So much of the above report and accompanying documents as relates to the Widows' Fund, was referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund; so much as relates to the Board of Education, to the Committee on Education; and the residue to the Committee on the Professorate.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL ACCOUNT

The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Ch
Account with ISAAC YOUNG, *their Treasurer.*

1851.		Dr.
June	2	Cash paid Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological Seminary, due 1st inst.,
	4	" " Robert Merkle, loaned him on his Bond and Mortgage, dated 9th instant, payable in five years from date, with Interest at 7 per cent. per annum,
	5	" " Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological Seminary, due

52.		Dr.		$	cts.
		Brought forward		8,750	10
ly	10	Cash paid Joseph A. Collier, the successful Competitor for the Van Doren Prize Essay on Missions for the year 1850,		40	00
	26	" " Hugh Tolan, Janitor of Rutgers College, six months' salary, due 16th inst.,		50	00
	"	" " Peter Spader, one of the Committee appointed by General Synod in June last, to aid Professor Campbell in his removal to New-Brunswick, the expenses of such removal,		114	63
	"	" " John A. Gray, for Printing Minutes of General Synod of their Meeting held at Albany, on the 4th June last,		174	51
ust	6	" " Rev. Edwin Holmes, paid by him into the Widows' Fund, and now withdrawn,		80	00
	16	" " Rev. David D. Demarest, his salary for one year, as Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, due 15th July last,	$10 00		
		and incidental expenses of the Board,	4 87	14	87
	29	" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st September next,		393	75
pt.	1	" " Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day,		393	75
	6	" " Rev. Nicholas J. Marselus, paid by him into the Widows' Fund, and now withdrawn,		220	00
ct.	27	" " the travelling expenses of the Delegates of General Synod to the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, held at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, viz.:			
		Rev. William W. Halloway,	$18 75		
		" Elbert S. Porter,	18 00	36	75
ov.	1	" " the following persons, their annuities out of the income of the Widows' Fund for the last six months, due this day, viz.:			
		Lydia M. W. Sluyter,	$70 00		
		Catherine E. Van Wagenen,	70 00		
		Maria Rudy,	52 50		
		Jane Hunt,	26 25		
		Rev. William C. Brownlee, D.D.,	70 00		
		" Samuel Harlow,	35 00		
		" Jacob A. Lansing,	52 50		
		Harriet V. V. Mabon,	70 00		
		Mary Bourne's legal representatives, four months and sixteen days' annuity, to 16th March last, the day of her decease,	24 49	470	74
	25	" " Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., one half of the salary of the Librarian of Rutgers College for one year, ending 1st April next,	$50 00		
		Carried forward	50 00	10,739	10

1851.		Dr.		$	¢
		Brought forward	$50 00	10,739	10
Nov.	25	Cash paid Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., for fuel for the College for the current year,	20 00	70	00
	29	" " Hugh Tolan, Janitor of Rutgers College, three months' salary, due 16th October last,		25	00
Dec.	1	" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day,		393	75
	2	" " Rev. Dr. Campbell, one quarter's salary, as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,		437	50
	"	" " Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,		393	75
	11	" " B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer Board of Education, on account of six months' Interest on the Invested Scholarships in the Theological College, due 4th inst.,		500	00
1852.					
Jan.	8	" " Premium of Insurance on $8,000, for one year, on Rutgers College,		48	00
Feb.	11	" " B. Livingston Kip Treasurer Board of Education, balance of six months' Interest on the Invested Scholarships in the Theological College, due 4th December last,		567	80
March	2	" " Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,		393	75

		Dr.		$	cts.
1851.		Brought forward	$50 50	15,986	15
		Cash paid Rev. Oscar H. Gregory,	8 00		
	19	" William Reiley, (twice,)	5 25		
	21	" Isaac Ferris, D.D.,	3 50		
	24	" John S. Himrod,	5 00		
	30	" Abraham V. Wyckoff,	8 00		
Sept.	4	" Horace Doolittle,	4 00		
1852.					
Jan.	26	" Alexander H. Warner,	2 50		
Feb.	2	" John H. Duryea, (twice,)	5 00		
1851.				91	75
Oct.	2	" " the following persons, their travelling expenses, &c., incurred in attending a meeting of the Committee of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College for the reception of Students, held at New-Brunswick, 1st inst., viz.:			
		Rev. William J. R. Taylor,	$7 88		
		" Isaac Ferris, D.D.,	1 50		
		" Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D.,	6 75		
				16	08
May	15	" " Rev. Ralph Willis, paid by him into the Widows' Fund, and now withdrawn,		40	00
	31	" " Rev. Abraham R. Van Nest, Jr., loaned him on his bond and mortgrge, dated 1st May, 1852, payable in five years from date, with interest at 6 per cent. per annum,		5,000	00
		Balance in Bank to the credit of General Synod,		9,263	97
				29,397	95

1851.		Cr.	$	cts.
June	1	Balance brought from last account,.....	7,982	45
	4	By cash received, six months' interest on bond for $4,000, due this day,.....	120	00
	17	" " of Rev. Wm. H. Van Doren, one year's interest on the Missionary Prize Essay bond given by him,.....	40	00
	20	" " six months' interest on bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Church, for $26,000,....	780	00
	24	" " six months' interest on two bonds for $1,000 each, due 1st inst.,.....	70	00
Aug.	5	" " six months' interest on bond for $3,500, due 31st July last,.....	105	00
	"	" " six months' interest on bond for $6,000, due 21st May last,.....	180	00
	13	" " six months' interest on bond for $1,000, due this day,.....	30	00
Sept.	1	" " balance of collection in the Reformed Dutch Church at New-Utrecht, for the Widows' Fund, after deducting Pastor's subscription,.....	14	00
	3	" " six months' interest on bond for $3,500, due 1st inst.,.....	105	00
	6	" " of Rev. Nicholas J. Marselus, D.D., the full amount necessary t constitute him a member of the Widows' Fund,.....	500	00
Oct.	7	" " six months' interest on bond for $8,500, due 3d inst,.....	255	00

1851.		Cr.	$	Cts.
		Brought forward,.....	12,484	88
Dec.	10	By cash received, six months' interest on two bonds for $1,000 each, due 1st inst.,.....	70	00
1852. Jan.	23	" " six months' interest on bond for $6,000, due 21st November last,.....	180	00
Feb.	3	" " six months' interest on bond for $3,500, due 31st January last,.....	105	00
	4	" " six months' interest on bond for $5,750, due 9th December last,.....	201	25
	5	" " collected in the First Reformed Dutch church of Rotterdam, for the Widows' Fund,.....	6	00
	16	" " six months' interest on bond for $1,000, due 13th inst.,.....	35	00
March	2	" " six months' interest on bond for $3,500, due 1st inst.,.....	105	00
April	5	" " six months' interest on bond for $8,500, due 3d inst.,.....	255	00
	14	" " six months' interest on bond for $4,000, due 16th inst.,.....	140	00
	19	" " six months' interest on bond for $3,500, due 16th inst.,.....	122	50
	21	" " six months' interest on bond for $4,000, due 16th inst.,.....	140	00
May	1	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,800, due 27th April last,.....	98	00
	"	" " one year's interest on bond for $2,000, due 1st April last, belonging to the Professoral Fund,.....	120	00
	3	" " six months' interest on bond for $6,000, due 1st inst.,.....	210	00
	4	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,500, due 26th April last,.....	87	50
	5	" " on account of the principal of Judah Hammond's bond for $10,000.....	4,000	00
	6	" " six months' interest on bonds for $11,000, due this day,.....	385	00
	10	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,000, due 23d April last,.....	70	00
	15	" " on account of the principal of Judah Hammond's bond for $10,000,.....	2,000	00
	18	" " one year's interest on bond for $500, due 1st inst.,.....	30	00
	24	" " six months' interest on bond for $10,000, due 22d inst.,.....	350	00
	"	" " one year's interest on bond for $4,000, due 6th April last,.....	280	00
	26	" " six months' interest on bonds amounting to $8,900,.....	267	00
		" " of the following persons, the interest on their subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod, viz:—		
		Collegiate Dutch Church, N. Y., $300 00		
		John Oothout,..... 30 00		
		Thomas C. Doremus,..... 30 00		
		Cornelius Duryee,..... 15 00		
		Samuel Smith,..... 15 00		
		David W. Wetmore,..... 30 00		
		Carried forward,..... 420 00	21,742	13

1852.		Cr.		$	cts.
		Brought forward,	$420 00	21,742	13
May	26	By cash received, of Rev. David L. Haight,	30 00		
		Abraham Van Nest	300 00		
				750	00
		" " of the following Classes, for Minutes of General Synod, viz.:—			
		Bergen,	$46 47		
		Montgomery,	15 00		
		Paramus,	16 00		
		South Classis of New-York,	12 50		
		New-York,	26 00		
		Passaic,	4 50		
		South Classis of Long Island,	8 25		
		Schoharie,	37 11		
		New-Brunswick,	24 00		
		Albany,	5 50		
		Illinois,	1 63		
		Copies sold,	13 49		
				210	45
		" " collected in the following Classes and Churches, for the contingent expenses of General Synod, viz.:—			
		Classis of Watervliet,	$47 50		
		Church of Schoharie,	20 00		
		" Amity,	20 00		
		" Tiosslock,	8 00		
		Classis of Rensselaer,	20 00		

JUNE, 1852.

52.		Cr.			
		Brought forward,.....	$120 00	23,	
ay	26	By cash received, of Rev. Joseph Wilson,.....	20 00		
		" R. W. Knight,.....	20 00		
		" Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D.,....	20 00		
		" James B. Hardenbergh, D.D.,	20 00		
		" Benjamin Bassler,.....	20 00		
		" Samuel B. Ayers,.....	20 00		
		" R. Ormiston Currie, D.D.,...	20 00		
		" William S. Heyer,.....	20 00		
		" Charles S. Hegeman,.....	20 00		
		" Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D.,....	20 00		
		" David A. Jones,.....	20 00		
		" Elbert S. Porter,.....	20 00		
		" Enoch Van Aken,.....	20 00		
		" Peter J. Quick,.....	20 00		
		" Nicholas E. Smith,.....	20 00		
		" Ira C. Boice.....	20 00		
		" J. Abeel Baldwin,.....	20 00		
		" John L. See,.....	20 00		
		" Cornelius Wyckoff,.....	20 00		
		" Charles Jukes,.....	20 00		
		" A. B. Winfield,.....	20 00		
		" Brogun Hoff,.....	20 00		
		" Garrett L Roof,.....	20 00		
		" James M. Compton,.....	20 00		
		" Samuel M. Woodbridge,...	20 00		
		" Henry A. Raymond,.....	20 00		
		" Isaac S. Demund,.....	20 00		
		" John C. Guldin, ...	20 00		
		" James Scott, D.D.,.....	20 00		
		" Israel Hammond,.....	20 00		
		" Nicholas D. Williamson,....	20 00		
		" John Gray,.....	20 00		
		" Oscar H. Gregory,.....	20 00		
		" Ransford Wells,.....	20 00		
		" Cornelius L. Van Dyck,....	20 00		
		" Alexander H. Warner,.....	20 00		
		" Charles Whitehead,.....	20 00		
		" Thomas B. Gregory,.....	20 00		
		" Ralph Willis,.	20 00		
		" Joseph Wilson,.....	20 00		
		" Eben S. Hammond,.....	20 00		
		" Edward H. May,.....	20 00		
		" Goyn Talmage,.....	20 00		
				980	00
		" " on the 10th May inst., of Abraham Van Nest, in full payment of the principal of his subscription to the Permanent Fund of General Synod,.....		5,000	00
				29,897	95
		balance carried to new account,.....		9,263	97

[Errors excepted.] ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, have examined vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance due to ne thousand two hundred and sixty-three dollars and ninety-seven cents.

ABM. VAN NEST, } Committee.

t, 1852. W. B. CROSBY, }

Annual Digest, 1852.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows:—

Funds Devoted to Education.

THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by Peter Spader, Treasurer of Rutgers College, and which is loaned upon Bonds secured by Mortgages upon property in the State of New-Jersey, &c., amounted, on the 1st of April, 1852, to	$20,250 00
Balance in his hands, 1st April, 1852,	2,793 32
Interest on same Fund, due 1st May, 1852,	1,621 00
There has been paid to indigent students, out of the interest of this Fund, during the past year,	850 00

the moneys formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, viz.:		
Loaned by the Board of Direction, secured by Bonds and Mortgages of Real Estate, (except three Bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Church, New-York, which are not accompanied by Mortgages,)		$78,315 00
Balance of the Professoral Fund, formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, and transferred to General Synod, as per account of Peter Spader, Agent, &c., on the 1st of May, 1852, which is loaned on Bond secured by Mortgage on property in the State of New-Jersey,		2,000 00
Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at		575 00
Rev. John F. Schermerhorn's note,		510 50
Amount of unpaid subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod,	$13,700 00	
Deduct this amount, which the Board believe cannot be collected,	5,750 00	
Leaving subscriptions supposed to be good,		$7,950 00

Board of Domestic Missions.

There has been invested for this Board, on Bond secured by Mortgage,	$250, 00

Minutes of General Synod.

There has been received for Minutes of General Synod, during the past year,	$210 45
And there has been paid for printing Minutes, paper, &c.,	174 51
Balance in Bank to the credit of General Synod,	$9,263 97

$6,641 of this amount belongs to principal, to be invested.

ABM. VAN NEST, *President.*

JOHN KNOX, W. B. CROSBY, } *Directors.*

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

New-York, 31st May, 1852.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to the election of the Board of Direction of the Corporation. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen: Mr. Abraham Van Nest, *President;* Rev. John Knox, D.D., and Messrs. William B. Crosby and Theodore Frelinghuysen, *Directors;* and Mr. Isaac Young, *Treasurer.*

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following report was received from the Delegates appointed to the last meeting of the Synod of the German Reformed Church, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence:—

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church:

Your delegates to the Synod of the German Reformed Church would report, that they were present during the session of that body, at Lancaster, Pa., in the month of October, 1851.

We were received with much Christian courtesy, and the salutations of amity and fraternal feeling, which we tendered in the name of our Church, were met in a spirit eminently cordial, and therefore highly gratifying.

The business of the Synod was conducted with order and decorum. The members seemed conscious of the sacredness of their position, and a becoming dignity characterized all their deliberations.

Matters of grave moment, not only to the German Reformed Church, but to all Evangelical Christendom, occupied the attention of that Synod.

The resignation of the Professors in the Theological Seminary, at Mercersburg, begot the necessity for an expression of opinion by the Synod,

Reformed Church. On taking his seat, the delegate laid on the table of Synod twelve copies of the Minutes of the last session of the German Reformed Synod.

The Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, of the Presbyterian Church, appeared in Synod, and having produced testimonials of his appointment, took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

A letter was received from the Rev. William C. Bennett, of the German Reformed Church, assigning reasons why it has not been in his power to attend the meeting of this Synod, to which he had been appointed as a Corresponding Delegate, by the Synod of the German Reformed Church.

The delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church laid on the table of Synod three copies of the Minutes of the session of the Assembly, May, 1851, three copies each of the Annual Report of the Board of Missions of the Assembly, of the 32d Annual Report of the Board of Education, of the 14th Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, and of the 13th Annual Report of the Board of Publication.

A communication was received from the Rev. Isaac Ferris, D.D., assigning reasons why it had not been in his power, or of that of his *secundus*, to attend the late meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church as a Corresponding Delegate, in conformity with the appointment of the last General Synod.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was accepted, amended, and is as follows:—

Your Committee on Correspondence would respectfully report:

That they find in the report of the delegates to the German Reformed Church a reference to what is known as the Mercersburg Theology. But on a careful examination of the subject, your Committee do not see that they can recommend any definite action to the Synod, calculated to bring back to the truth any body of individuals who may have erred from the faith once delivered to the saints, or to strengthen the hands of those still adhering to the standards of the Church.

Your Committee, according to the instruction of Synod, would present the following resolution:

Resolved, That after this year this Synod will send one delegate, instead of two, to represent this body on the floor of the German Reformed Synod.

WILLIAM H. VAN DOREN, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Correspondence having reported a double number of persons from whom to elect delegates to the corresponding

Churches, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the following were chosen:

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church—Rev. Alexander M. Mann, *Primarius*, and the Rev. Abraham Polhemus, *Secundus*.

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church—Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord and Brogun Hoff, *Primarii*, and Rev. Cornelius E. Crispell and Philip Peltz, *Secundi*.

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

In conformity with the standing regulation, the Synod spent a part of the afternoon of the first day of its session in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan previously reported by a Committee for that purpose, consisting of the Rev. John B. Alliger, George W. Bethune, and the Elder, David M. Stone.

Resolved, That a prayer-meeting be held in the lecture-room of the First Reformed Dutch Church of this city, at 8 o'clock, upon every morning of this session.

ginated, and by the power of which it is manifested. Its first command, therefore, and that on which all others are based, is love; and our divine Teacher, in pointing out one of the clearest marks and most convincing proofs of true discipleship, declared: "In this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye love one another." And one of the apostles exclaims: "In this we know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren!" It is this which renders the Church a holy brotherhood, a school for the soul in all pure and hallowed affections, that by their culture here, the Christian fellowship of the Church on earth may be sanctifying and delightful, and that we may carry with us the results of this culture in our spiritual nature, to the yet more intimate and immortal fellowship of the Church in heaven.

"Love is the golden chain that binds
The happy souls above;
And he's an heir of heaven who finds
His spirit glow with love."

It is a cause, then, for devout thanksgiving, that to so good a degree, we can testify from our own experience to the power and blessedness of these warm affections; and that from this experience of the peace which they inspire, and the heavenly enjoyment which they attach to every duty, we are taught to cherish and cultivate them with watchful assiduity for the future. And it is to this divine love to God and to each other that we must be able to trace every ontward act, and by its power be led to perform every future duty, if we would have it acceptable to God, delightful to ourselves, or successful with our fellow-men.

It is, we trust, in this spirit that our ministers and members have been kept in such happy fellowship during the year that is past; that undisturbed harmony also in doctrine, according to our excellent standards, has prevailed among us; that the gospel has been faithfully preached, and the worship of the sanctuary so well attended; that the meetings for social service and prayer have been regularly observed, and the religious instruction of children and youth has been prosecuted with renewed zeal.

In temporal affairs, your Committee are happy to say that the Church has made greater progress during the year that is past than in any year of its previous history. A greater number of churches have been erected, or are in process of erection; several new ones have also been organized; many have greatly diminished, and some have nobly discharged the debts which had long pressed heavily upon them, obstructing all their efforts, and oppressing the hearts of their pastors.

As to the amount of charities bestowed by the Church to the various objects recommended by Synod, your Committee find it impossible to present any report, as the minutes of one Particular Synod only furnish us with any returns, and even these are very imperfect. Your Committee, therefore, in accordance with a suggestion in the paper referred to them by Synod, recommend that one additional column be hereafter included in the Classical Reports, to contain the aggregate amount contributed by each church to *these objects, and that* each Consistory be enjoined by its

Classis to furnish in its report the amount thus contributed, to be inserted regularly, hereafter, in the Classical Reports.

In regard to the spiritual state of the Church, it affords us great pleasure to say, that several of our congregations have enjoyed precious seasons of revival during the past year; and in some, the special presence of the Divine Spirit is yet manifested in reclaiming wanderers, quickening into spiritual life those who have long observed the forms of religion, but given little evidence of its inward power, and calling blind souls out of darkness into God's marvellous light.

Several other churches, also, though they are not able to speak of such clear and powerful manifestations of the Spirit's presence, are encouraged by indications of approaching good in the increased attention to the means of grace, and in the quickening of God's children in the spirit of prayer and faithfulness. Surely these tidings should fill our hearts with joy and gladness, and inspire us with more ardent devotion in the service of God. They afford the clearest and most cheering proof that "His arm is not shortened that it cannot save, nor his ear heavy that it cannot hear." Only let us seek, dear brethren, to have our hearts filled with the love of Christ and the love of souls, and, in the faithful employment of the means which he has himself appointed, we may confidently believe that they will be attended with divine energy, and our poor labors be crowned with glorious success.

We are also happy to state that the Church is giving evidence of awakened interest and growing zeal in our Sabbath-schools, and in the

our hundred and twenty-three on confession of their faith. These, ı are only a part of the good which the mission has done, are the of its faith and love. They afford a pleasing evidence of the divine ıbation, and should lead us to double our diligence in the future. ıhould we estimate the importance of these kindred institutions only iefly by their present results. If we would value them aright, and our zeal in their service increased, let us contemplate the remote as as the direct influence which their success exerts, their effective ry in sanctifying our national progress, in counteracting the elements perstition and error, as well as of ignorance and vice, which are col- g their forces in our midst, and in fitting our beloved country not to overcome these hostile elements in herself, but to achieve a glo- mission among the nations of the world.

is also a source of great pleasure that our beloved fathers and ıren from our Fatherland, who are now incorporated in our Church, known as the Classis of Holland, in the midst of the various sorrows temptations of their new home, have also been enabled to rejoice in racious influences of the Holy Spirit, to a degree unparalleled by similar number of immigrants that have ever visited our shores. who came to this strange land as strangers to God, have here been ı his own children by the new birth of the Holy Spirit; others have quickened and greatly comforted in the divine life; and, with a ıtian charity worthy of all imitation, notwithstanding the privations rials to which they are exposed, they have "agreed before the Lord vote a tenth part of all their income to religious purposes." While incerely weep with these brethren in their sorrows, we also rejoice them in their joys; and most affectionately do we commend them ıe prayers and sympathies of our Christian family, into which we cordially welcomed them as members.

these and other respects, which we cannot specify in so brief a re- we find abundant ground for hearty thanksgiving to the great Head ə Church, and for encouragement to go on our way rejoicing. And rour Committee cannot withhold their conviction that, on the other , there is much that should deeply humble us before God, and lead ı faithful searchings of our spirit and life, to unfeigned repentance, he renewed consecration of ourselves to the service of our God. As urch, there are among us many deficiencies greatly to be deplored, many energies dormant which ought to be actively and earnestly oyed.

ı far as we have been able to form an estimate of the growth of our ch from the imperfect returns furnished to the two Synods, we have ollowing result:

uring the past year, there have been received on confession, 1379; rtificate, 1422; dismissed, 1114; suspended, 43; died, 592. In a ch consisting of between 35,000 and 36,000 communicants, 317 hes, and about 326 ministers, this is certainly not such a result as ove for Christ and our fellow-men should lead us to desire, and as in the promise of God's blessing to a devout and spiritual people d warrant us to expect. It is certainly not accomplishing such nphs as the *Church of Christ* should wish to accomplish in the ad-

vancement of his glorious kingdom, in winning souls to him, and in hastening on that blessed day when this world shall again become a paradise in which God shall hold intimate fellowship with men. It is not keeping pace with the progress of the country in other respects, or with that of some denominations in whose systems we have reason to fear there is mingled superstition and error.

Through you, therefore, beloved fathers and brethren, we beg to ask of all our brethren in the ministry and our fellow-members in the Church of Christ, if it is not "high time to awake from sleep?" If you would see the truth, which we justly hold so dear, not only sustained, but advanced; if you would have the joys of salvation restored in your own hearts; if you would be instruments of imperishable good to your fellow-men; and if you would promote the glory of Him who gave himself for you, we beseech you, beloved Christian brethren, earnestly pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our ministers and people; that God will revive his work, that we may all be quickened in spiritual life, and that multitudes of those now in sin may be converted unto God.

Your Committee are also convinced that the spirit of a wise, generous, and cheerful Christian charity to the cause of Christ, to the support and extension of his Church, and to the objects of benevolence, is not half what it should be, and not half what our brethren themselves will wish it had been when they shall be summoned away from all their earthly treasures, and go to give an account of their stewardship before the bar of God. We are bound, brethren, not only to do good, but in this short life to do all the good we can; and to this an ardent Christian love, and

cultivating the spirit of our divine Redeemer, while in grateful love we trust in his merits, let us be also animated to renewed and unfailing devotion to his service by the prospect of that bright and permanent reward revealed to us in his Word, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CORNELIUS C. VAN ARSDALE, *Chairman.*

NEW-YORK.

Communicants.				Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
30	1	28	1399	40	2	....	50	..	506	327	326 Fourth St., N. Y. 116 Ninth St., " 7 Albion Place, " 64 West 27th St., "
..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	62 Varick St., "
16	..	2	284	13	..	125	12	1	169	....	105 Wooster St., "
9	..	2	104	2	..	....	....	1	....	....	84 Barrow St., "
9	..	7	557	12	1	223	25	1	322	200	46 Hammond St., "
12	1	3	166	24	4	139	100	1	197	160	113 West 23d St., "
2	..	3	447	71	2	75	....	2	310	245	122 Rivington St., "
..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
..	..	..	20	6	1	....	....	1	115	60	250 West 33d St., "
..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	71st St., n Bloom. road, "
5	..	1	118	4	..	80	....	1	110	90	122d St., near 3d Av., "
..	..	..	19	..	1	....	....	1	60	40	Mott Haven, West.co., "
3	1	3	217	27	2	....	....	2	180	160	Port Richmond, S. I.
..	..	1	16	1	1	24	6	1	25	18	Blooming View, S. Side, [S. I.

D.; and Rev. Messrs. E. H. May; A. N. Kittle; James Demarest; J. Buckham; J. V. Henry; n Ceylon; and W. C. Brownlee, D.D., *(Emeritus.)* *Candidate*—Joseph Scudder. * Pastor elect.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.		
Tompkinsville,	Philip M. Brett,	77	385	195	3	4	49	..	4	137	9	..	85	30	1	196	135	$313 75	Tompkinsville, S. I.
South Dutch,	John M. Macauley,	150	750	173	14	31	2	..	..	216	12	3	....	....	1	110	90	.....	New York City.
Market Street,	Isaac Ferris,	190	1050	400	7	7	13	1	3	397	16	2	250	200	1	300	250	3 621 64	New-York City.
Washington Square,	Mancius S. Hutton,	205	1000	308	17	11	8	..	3	325	12	2	250	40	2	250	183	12,000 00	New York City.
Manhattan,	F. F. Cornell,	100	....	195	26	6	7	..	3	217	32	3	150	80	3	235	170	677 16	New-York City.
Bushwick,	S. H. Meeker, S. C.,	70	350	182	7	4	4	..	2	187	30	1	25	20	1	80	70	717 50	Williamsburgh.
Courtlandtown,	Samuel Lockwood,	71	250	....	3	5	13*	..	3	54	18	..	40	30	1	75	45	42 25	Peekskill.
Peekskill,	Chas. D. Buck,	40	200	....	2	18	2	..	..	27	5	..	35	20	1	55	40	400 00	Peekskill.
West Ref. Dutch,	Joseph McKee,	29	100	28	..	7	7	..	..	28	3	..	....	25	2	49	40	.....	New-York City.
2d German Mission C	.....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Stapleton,	Alex. R. Thompson,	....	....	....	4	50	..	..	..	54	5	..	60	29	1	140	95	186 87	Stapleton, S. I.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. M. Mathews, D.D.; Rev. Robert Kirkwood; Rev. John Alburtis; Rev. Robert A. Quin; Rev. Chas. Knouse; Rev. John B. Steele; and Rev. C. D. Westbrook, D.D.

* Dismissed on a petition to Classis for the organization of a new church.

W-BRUNSWICK.

.	Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				
Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
....	29	1	....	....	..	....	....	$346 59	New-Brunswick, N. J.
125	9	1	30	....	1	90	60	424 22	" " "
25	16	..	11	....	..	....	....	.....	" " "
237	12	..	85	30	6	270	....	348 25	Six Mile Run, "
329	16	4	140	....	5	....	....	90 00	Millstone, "
170	7	..	60	30	1	125	100	358 39	Middlebush, "
434	27	1	60	....	5	....	....	.....	Somerville, "
259	9	1	65	....	3	200	....	.....	" "
109	13	..	50	30	1	109	80	128 0	" "
227	10	..	150	....	4	....	....	163 00	Pluckemin, "
110	13	..	....	27	1	80	....	133 00	North Branch, "
....	..	..	....	....	4	130	80	.....	Whitehouse, "
177	18	7	50	....	5	190	160	236 00	Lebanon, "
114	8	4	50	40	2	160	140	140 00	Griggstown, "
66	4	..	....	12	2	70	60	.....	Spotswood, "
126	20	8	20	60	1	80	50	57 04	Marlboro', "
98	5	5	50	35	1	90	75	254 57	Freehold, "
119	4	4	25	....	2	13	100	131 28	Holmdel, "
100	3	2	48	25	2	70	....	41 0	Middletown, "
92	8	..	65	....	1	100	65	138 22	Moundbrook, "
33	2	1	....	....	1	80	70	75 47	Keyport "

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Bergen,	Benjamin C. Taylor,	295	1520	312	5	13	6	1	3	320	30	..	120	20	2	230	175	Bergen, Hudson co., N. J.
English Neighborhood,	James McFarlane,	80	350	81	..	..	..	..	1	80	5	..	....	18	1	35	30	English Neighborhood, "
Hackensack,	A. H. Warner, S. C.,	130	750	134	4	2	1	1	1	137	10	..	50	40	1	95	80	Hackensack, Berg. co., "
Schraalenburgh,	Cornelius Blauvelt,	156	671	162	3	1	4	..	5	157	7	..	105	50	3	135	100	Schraalenburgh, " "
Belleville,	Isaac S. Demund,	160	640	169	13	2	1	..	..	183	9	2	200	150	3	290	200	Belleville, Essex co., "
Jersey City,	.....	55	300	70	3	4	1	..	1	75	4	1	....	35	1	63	51	Jersey City, Hud. co., "
Bergen Neck,	Jacob C. Dutcher,	110	508	106	2	2	..	1	..	109	10	..	....	....	2	80	60	Bergen Pt., Hud. co., "
1st Ch., Newark,	James Scott,	325	1600	470	17	20	10	..	4	493	30	..	360	100	3	470	400	Newark, Essex co., N. J.
Clintonville,	J mes M. Bruen,	40	150	35	1	1	2	..	..	35	..	..	....	....	1	60	40	Camptown, Ess. co., N. J.
New Durham,	W. V. V. Mabon,	100	500	72	11	1	1	3	2	78	8	1	150	34	1	150	100	New Durham, Hud. co."
First church of Van Vorst,	P. D. Van Cleef,	110	550	126	18	16	7	..	2	151	11	1	60	15	1	120	80	Jersey City, Hud. co., "
2d Ch., Newark,	Gustavus Abeel,	90	450	79	13	14	3	..	1	102	19	5	50	30	1	180	140	Newark, Essex co., N. J.
3d Ch., "	F. A. Lehlbach,	106	490	80	38	16	5	..	7	122	10	..	34	34	1	106	80	Newark, " N. J.
Hoboken,	Thos. B. Gregory, S. S.,	22	110	12	2	..	..	..	..	14	1	..	18	10	1	27	25	Hoboken, Hud. co., "

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. John Garretson, Cor. Sec. Board of Domestic Missions; Rev. James Romeyn; Rev. John L. Chapman; and Rev. Matthias Lusk. *Candidate.*—Calvin Case.

PASSAIC.

unicants.				Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
6	..	..	152	1	..	....	18	2	100	....	Pompton, N. J.
3	..	3	150	3	1	18	25	3	120	100	Pompton Plains, N. J.
..	..	1	147	17	2	25	40	1	100	80	
1	..	6	114	3	1	50	30	4	120	....	Little Falls, N. J.
..	..	1	46	8	..	18	20	1	60	50	Paterson, N. J.
..	1	2	53	3	..	....	14	2	40	18	Pompton Iron Wks., N. J.
..	..	4	84	6	..	....	....	2	60	50	Paterson, N. J.
1	..	1	69	10	..	....	....	1	80	60	Little Falls, N. J.
..	..	4	44	4	1	....	10	1	....	....	

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CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Clarkstown,	P. J. Quick, S. C.,	120	440	133	6	1	3	..	3	134	4	1	....	....	1	75	60	$201 28	Nyack Turnpike, N. Y.
Tappan,	I. D. Cole,	160	800	183	8	2	..	..	3	190	11	..	....	....	2	50	....	.....	Tappan Town, N. Y.
Acquacknonk,	W. R. Bogardus,	210	1150	233	2	..	4	1	8	22[illegible]	19	..	100	....	6	....	....	325 57	Acquacknonk, N. J.
1st church, Totowa,	E. Wiggins,	177	720	163	12	1	2	..	4	170	16	..	....	....	1	168	160	.....	Paterson, N. J.
2d church, Totowa,	J. H. Duryea,	140	700	240	6	2	3	..	5	240	33	..	70	20	2	200	....	136 25	Paterson, "
Paramus,	A. B. Winfield,	167	800	155	10	3	1	..	5	162	13	..	36	60	1	105	90	59 75	Paterson, "
Pasgack,	J. Manley,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Munsey, N. Y.
Saddle River,		....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Wt. N. Hempstead,	P. Allen,	64	283	87	..	..	..	..	2	70	2	..	....	....	1	....	....	41 05	Munsey, "
Ramapo,		73	379	67	..	..	..	1	1	67	9	..	....	....	1	....	....	19 10	
Warwick,	F. H. Vandeveer,	72	....	81	12	..	..	..	..	93	6	8	30	....	..	....	....	.....	Warwick, N. Y.
Nyack,	C. S. Hageman,	105	400	113	3	7	3	..	3	117	10	..	....	....	1	90	....	200 00	Nyack, N. Y.
1st church, Piermont	Vacant,	67	335	48	3	3	5	..	2	47	3	..	40	25	1	70	55	.....	
2d church, Piermont,	Wm. H. Van Doren,	15	50	17	3	7	5	..	..	22	..	..	....	....	1	20	20	.....	Piermont, N. Y.

OF LONG ISLAND.

mmunicants.					Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sub.Schools.			
ed On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
12	4	..	1	283	6	..	50	....	1	120	100	Brooklyn, L. I.
1	2	..	..	122	7	..	25	25	2	120	103	Flatbush, "
2	9	..	3	125	7	..	60	25	2	123	110	New-Utrecht, "
2	1	..	3	93	3	..	....	....	2	....	....	Gravesend, "
..	1	..	2	104	7	..	40	....	2	80	60	Flatlands, "
..	2	..	..	78	8	..	30	....	1	60	40	
11	1	..	1	88	9	..	30	25	2	120	98	East New-York, L. I.
..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Brooklyn, L. I.
8	14	..	3	145	16	3	55	110	1	162	125	Brooklyn, "
..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Brooklyn, "
17	1	..	1	58	8	..	50	....	1	112	90	Brooklyn, "
47	1	..	1	47	2	..	....	....	1	60	40	Brooklyn, "
182	..	..	..	183	15	..	....	....	1	115	82	Brooklyn, "

rodhead, D.D.; Rev. R. D. Van Kleek.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census: Number of Families.	Census: Total of the Congregation.	Communicants: In Communion per last Report.	Communicants: Recd On Confession.	Communicants: Recd On Certificate.	Communicants: Dismissed.	Communicants: Suspended.	Communicants: Died.	Communicants: Total now in Communion.	Bapt: Infants.	Bapt: Adults.	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. Schools: Number of Schools.	Sab. Schools: Total Number of Scholars.	Sab. Schools: Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
Jamaica,	John B. Alliger,	197	1000	224	3	5	1	..	4	227	17	..	....	....	4	....	....	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown,	Thomas C. Strong, S. C.,	120	600	115	4	4	3	1	1	110	13	..	20	10	1	70	45	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay,	Nicholas E. Smith,	110	500	113	2	3	..	1	2	115	6	1	....	70	2	75	60	Cedar Swamp, L. I.
North Hempstead,	Richard L. Schoonmaker,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Manhasset, "
Williamsburg,	Elbert S. Porter,	125	500	160	10	8	4	..	1	174	6	..	100	....	1	150	107	Williamsburg, "
Astoria,	A. H. Bishop,	61	....	62	1	1	1	..	1	62	9	1	....	....	1	60	50	Astoria, "
Flushing,*	G. H. Mandeville,	30	125	70	6	5	40	..	..	40	3	..	12	20	1	50	40	Flushing, "
Green Point,	John W. Ward,	35	150	30	..	7	..	..	..	37	1	..	15	20	1	....	65	Green Point, "
South Bushwick,	John S. Himrod, S. S.,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Williamsburgh, "

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. John S. Himrod, Peter S. Williamson, and Aaron A. Marcellus.

* No report from this church for two years previous. † Fifteen to the Congregational Church.

...OUGHKEEPSIE.

...ts.		Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				
Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
8	331	4	3	....	40	1	250	....	$773 00	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
3	171	3	2	....	45	1	94	....	337 00	Fishkill, "
1	219	1	2	....	30	1	25	....	180 00	New Hackensack, N. Y.
4	222	4	..	25	30	3	75	....	275 00	Fishkill, "
6	205	7	..	65	60	1	60	45	175 00	Rhinebeck, "
3	102	..	..	....	33	2	100	72	90 00	Fishkill Landing, "
2	151	5	..	....	....	3	70	....	.....	Pine Plains, "
2	131	10	..	40	....	3	80	....	125 00	Hyde Park, "
1	81	3	4	....	15	1	80	55	60 00	Glenham. "
1	76	8	1	....	....	1	124	76	312 00	Poughkeepsie, "

...ishkill, N. Y.; Rev. William S. Heyer, Newburgh.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Harlingen,	John Gardner,	150	750	329	2	7	17	..	9	312	23	..	75	200	5	300	250	Harlingen, N. J.
Readington,	John Van Liew,	170	800	....	6	3	4	..	8	250	17	..	....	....	5	200	....	Readington, "
New Shannock,	Gabriel Ludlow,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Beekmans Mills, N. J.
Firstchurch Philadelphia,	A. A. Willets,	160	800	275	12	10	4	1	3	285	6	9	80	20	3	510	360	Philadelphia, Pa.
Second " "	J. F. Berg,	80	400	....	..	..	..	..	..	132	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	" "
Third " "	H. G. Livingston,	160	800	254	4	4	4	..	2	256	8	..	....	....	3	200	130	" "
North & South Hampton,	A. O. Halsey,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Newtown, Pa.
Blawenburgh,	T. B. Romeyn, S. C.,	100	500	131	7	4	..	..	4	138	10	1	....	50	6	170	125	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Mount Pleasant,	H. Doolittle,	80	450	....	2	7	..	..	2	160	1	..	....	....	3	....	....	Stanton, N. J.
Manayunk,	Cornelius Yates,	30	120	52	3	3	4	..	1	53	..	3	....	10	1	....	84	Manayunk, Pa.
Roxboro',	S. A. Bumstead,	35	250	56	1	4	..	..	1	59	..	..	....	12	1	90	75	Levevington, "

***Ministers without Charge.*—Rev. P. Labagh, D.D.; Rev. J. Ludlow, D.D.; Rev. C. C. Van Arsdale, D.D.**

F HUDSON.

nmunicants.					Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
ed On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
8	7	..	1	157	18	1	....	8	1	140	110	Hudson, N. Y.
1	..	..	4	312	6	..	....	15	5	....	200	Claverack, Col. co., N. Y.
..	..	..	5	208	9	..	....	....	3	130	125	Mellenville, "
..	1	..	..	81	2	..	....	....	2	70	50	Hudson, N. Y.
1	7	..	1	180	9	..	70	31	8	190	145	Livingston, Col. co., N.Y.
3	..	..	3	78	7	..	....	....	2	90	....	Upper Red Hook, N. Y.
..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
..	1	..	2	80	1	..	....	....	1	15	....	Copake.

ge.—Rev. P. Van Wyck.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Fairview,	A. D. Wilson,	82	438	131	2	..	2	..	1	130		9	1	....	....	1	....	80	
Pekin,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....		..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
Washington,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	10	..	..	....		3	..	....	....	..	....	....	
Vanderveer,	S. V. E. Westfall, S. C.,	10	61	11	..	..	..	..	..	11		2	..	....	....	..	....	....	
Silver Creek,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	68		..	..	....	....	..	....	....	

VESTCHESTER.

...mmunicants.					Bapt.		C.&B.C.		Sab. Schools			
...Certificates.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
17	92*	..	..	150	2	..	....	....	1	91	53	Tarrytown, West. Co.
90	..	..	..	90	4	..	....	45	1	70	57	" " "
4	5	..	..	41	1	..	30	12	1	35	35	Fordham, " "
2	..	..	1	88	2	1	25	....	1	50	35	Neperan, " "
..	..	..	..	39	2	4	....	23	1	28	20	Bronxville, " "
8	..	..	..	31	5	2	....	20	1	20	18	
..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	West Farms, " "
..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Yonkers, " "
..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
3	2	..	..	22	8	..	....	....	1	....	....	Hastings-on-Hudson.

...rge.—William Brush.

...f Tarrytown. † Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS:	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.		
Church of Albany,..	D. Kennedy,.....	260	1200	433	5	8	2	..	11	433	11	..	....	25	2	200	150	$2,435 88	Albany.
Second " " ..	I. N. Wyckoff, S. C.,	263	1381	546	16	22	47	..	12	525	20	1	120	35	1	145	120	1,284 88	"
Third " " ..	W. W. Halloway,..	136	650	179	14	13	4	1	2	199	4	..	75	9	1	125	100	266 11	"
Bethlehem,.....	J. Simonson,.....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Cedar Hill.
Second do,.....	J. A. Lansing,.....	108	580	129	3	5	..	..	..	136	11	..	95	30	2	135	100	179 31	Bethlehem.
Union, ...	B. F. Murden,.....	50	200	78	8	1	1	..	1	85	8	1	....	16	1	40	30	35 82	Bethlehem.
Coeymans,.....	W. P. Davis	102	500	63	5	4	5	..	4	63	3	..	35	....	1	89	75	.....	Coeymans.
New-Baltimore, ..		67	365	62	4	7	1	..	..	73	7	2	34	40	1	125	90	.....	
Onisquethaw, ...	S. Van Santvoord,..	63	450	98	..	..	..	..	1	97	3	..	....	....	1	....	....	.....	New-Baltimore.
Jerusalem,.....		80	480	99	2	..	..	..	1	100	5	..	....	....	1	....	....	.....	
Salem,.....	Vacant,.....	95	405	136	1	..	2	..	..	125	19	..	36	5	1	41	22	.....	Salem.
2d church, Berne,...	"	53	250	112	1	..	5	..	2	106	7	..	....	12	1	70	50	.....	"
Knox,.....	"	20	100	20	12	..	..	..	..	32	..	2	....	20	..	....	....	.....	Knox.
Westerlo,.....	"	100	500	149	..	5	..	1	1	152	2	..	....	43	3	90	64	36 03	Westerlo.

F ULSTER.

...municants.					Bapt.		C & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
...l	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
4	1	..	1	107	10	..	45	26	1	72	45	Kingston.
.	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Saugerties.
1	19	..	2	97	2	..	....	....	..	....	....	do.
.	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	High Falls.
.	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
.	15	3	1	263	10	..	....	....	2	....	....	Amesville.
.	4	1	1	203	16	1	50	....	4	125	100	Saugerties.
.	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Tuthill Town.
.	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Hurley.
9	11	..	13	438	18	1	75	50	3	200	150	Kingston.
6	2	..	..	108	3	..	40	30	1	....	74	do.
.	38	..	1	....	3	1	....	20	2	....	....	Stone Ridge.
4	6	..	8	206	8	2	140	93	6	250	200	New-Paltz.
.	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
.	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Marbletown.
7	1	..	2	169	21	..	25	....	2	....	....	Saugerties.
.	1	..	3	203	31	1	....	20	6	....	....	Accord.
.	..	..	1	51	1	..	....	....	1	....	40	Rosendale.
8	10	..	1	200	10	1	50	....	2	150	....	Saugerties.
.	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Samsonville.
.	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Shokan.
2	2	..	1	161	18	..	15	....	1	50	....	Woodstock.
.	..	..	1	24	3	1	....	....	..	....	....	

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES
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Bloomingrove,	Vacant,	60	300	59	..	..	1	..	2	56	1	..	....	....	1	40	....	Defreestville.
Chatham,	J. W. Schenck,	71	276	61	..	2	5	..	3	55	..	..	....	....	1	50	....	Chatham Four Corners.
First church Ghent,	John Gray,	45	....	....	..	..	..	..	2	55	2	..	....	....	1	50	....	Ghent.
Second " "	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Hudson.
Greenbush,	"	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	East Greenbush.
Kinderhook,	B. Van Zandt,	200	1000	278	5	5	1	1	5	281	3	1	....	....	3	250	....	Kinderhook.
Nassau,	Vacant,	160	800	238	..	..	1	..	2	285	5	..	....	....	4	120	....	Nassau.
Schodack,	Wm. Bailey,	225	1125	218	1	..	2	..	11	206	12	..	100	25	5	200	....	Schodack Landing.
Stuyvesant,	Elbert Nevius, S. C.,	90	450	94	4	..	..	..	1	97	5	..	....	11	1	50	....	Stuyvesant.

Ministers without charge.—Rev. E. P. Stimson, Edwin Holmes, Hudson.

ASHINGTON.

	nunicants.				Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
3	2	1	2	101	2	..	40	....	1	60	40	Northumberland.
.	3	..	3	96	4	1	25	....	1	70	45	Schuylerville.
.	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Gansevoort.
3	4	..	1	175	5	..	....	....	1	60	45	Greenwich.
2	..	..	1	55	..	..	15	30	2	30	20	Buskirk's Bridge.
1	3	..	2	100	5	7	....	20	1	60	40	Buskirk's Bridge.
.	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Bottenville.
.	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Stillwater.
.	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Fort Miller.

ev. J. Birkby and J. Parry.

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Auriesville,	Vacant,	88	440	35	..	..	..	..	..	35	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Auriesville.
Canajoharie,	N. F. Chapman,	100	450	....	4	6	5	..	4	90	7	..	....	....	1	70	....	Canajoharie.
Caughnawaga,	D. Van Olinda, S. C.,	165	800	124	3	1	4	..	4	120	4	..	....	....	2	80	....	Fonda.
Curry-town,	William Buckelow,	75	340	67	7	..	3	..	2	69	3	..	....	....	1	40	30	Flat Creek.
Mapletown,		89	425	80	1	..	3	1	1	76	2	1	....	....	2	70	60	
Fultonville,	J. M. Van Buren,	150	750	49	16	4	..	..	3	66	4	2	....	20	1	110	....	Fultonville.
Florida,	James Stevenson,	100	500	150	5	2	5	..	7	144	5	..	60	....	2	....	25	Minaville.
Glen,	A. H. Van Vranken,	70	315	....	2	1	..	..	2	43	3	1	....	....	..	....	....	Glen.
Fort Plain,	Vacant,	105	500	135	2	3	..	..	1	135	14	..	....	....	1	200	129	Fort Plain.
Herkimer,	C. S. Mead,	210	1050	....	6	2	4	..	6	300	30	..	....	120	3	200	120	Herkimer.
Mohawk,	J. L. Starks,	100	....	28	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	1	....	50	Mo awk.
Port Jackson,	Garret L. Roof,	64	300	25	5	5	..	..	1	36	..	2	....	12	1	60	....	Port Jackson.
Manheim,	Vacant,	50	250	....	..	..	..	..	1	77	6	..	....	....	1	20	....	Manheim Centre.
St. Johnsville,	J. Knieskern,	130	700	178	1	..	3	2	1	173	5	..	....	....	2	80	....	St. Johnsville.
Stone Arabia,	John C. Van Lieu,	120	600	224	..	..	..	..	4	220	11	..	15	....	..	....	....	Palatine Bridge.
Ephrata,		70	300	64	5	..	..	..	4	65	9	..	10	....	1	50	30	Ephrata.
Columbia,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Columbia.
Warren,	Daniel Lord,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Warren.

Ministers without charge.—Rev. James Murphy, D.D., Paul Weidman, James Donald.

SCHOHARIE.

	Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				
Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
119	7	2	....	....	1	....	40	$172 74	Schoharie C. H.
124	5	..	....	20	1	....	50	76 58	Middleburgh.
100	2	2	....	....	1	90	70	84 45	Gilboa.
65	1	..	....	35	4	250	180	.....	Berne.
....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
107	4	..	....	....	2	100	75	150 0	Lawyerville.
....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Gallupville.
....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Breakabin.
....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Conesville.
....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Gardnersville.
36	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	East Cobleskill.
....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	North Blenheim.

ornelius Bogardus, Elihu Doty, Missionary to China.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
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Schenectady,	W. J. R. Taylor,	280	1400	387	6	7	*19	2	6	373	26	..	175	30	2	250	236	Schenectady.
Second ch. Schenectady,	Vacant,	30	150	....	1	15	..	..	..	16	..	..	....	....	1	80	50	"
Amity,	G. R. Williamson,	78	345	112	1	2	1	1	3	111	4	1	....	....	1	40	....	Visscher's Ferry.
Niskayuna,	G. Talmage,	140	750	....	8	2	6	1	2	219	17	2	....	....	4	....	....	Niskayuna.
First church Glenville,	Vacant,	160	800	254	6	..	3	..	4	249	6	2	10	12	3	109	85	Glenville.
Second church Glenville,	N. D. Williamson,	130	740	....	..	1	2	..	..	97	2	..	....	20	3	90	....	Scotia.
First church Rotterdam,	C. Jukes,	100	500	63	15	4	2	..	2	76	19	4	19	....	2	36	....	Hoffman's Ferry.
Second church Rotterdam,	John Nott,	80	300	60	7	..	..	..	3	67	5	3	....	....	1	50	30	Schenectady.
Helderberg,	Vacant,	154	550	244	3	1	2	..	1	245	15	..	....	....	4	100	....	Guilderland.
Day,	W. L. James,	60	180	36	2	2	..	..	..	40	..	..	....	....	1	25	15	West Day.
Princetown,	Vacant,	52	320	....	..	..	..	..	3	88	6	..	....	....	1	30	....	Dunnsville.

Ministers without charge.—Rev. T. Romeyn, A. B. Chittenden, and Abraham I. Swits, *Stated Clerk*, Schenectady.

* Eleven to Second Church.

CAYUGA.

unicants.				Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
..	..	..	117	2	..	....	40	3	80	....	Owasco.
2	..	1	....	9	..	....	22	3	125	....	Chittenango.
4	..	3	227	5	..	....	32	3	125	....	Utica.
1	..	..	38	..	2	....	....	..	....	....	Cleveland.
..	..	1	54	3	1	....	....	1	40	35	Cicero.
..	..	..	16	4	2	....	....	6	160	120	Alexandria.
3	..	1	81	8	1	....	....	1	70	50	Syracuse.
7	..	1	27	..	..	....	....	1	30	....	Canastota.
..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
..	..	1	30	10	1	30	....	1	35	25	Lysander.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES
		Number of Families	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Berea,	J. B. Ten Eyck,	70	350	118	3	..	5	..	9	107	2	..	....	22	1	20	....	$119 75	St. Andrews.
Montgomery,	R. P. Lee,	225	1150	360	10	1	5	..	9	357	24	..	175	10	2	....	....	450 00	Montgomery.
Shawangunk,	C. Scott	200	1000	216	1	3	5	1	3	211	2	..	....	....	4	....	125	175 00	Brunswick.
New-Prospect,	W. S. Moore, S. C.	120	550	113	3	3	..	..	4	115	17	..	50	....	2	100	80	133 75	Ulsterville.
Deer Park,	G. P. Van Wyck,	140	700	....	1	3	9	..	2	....	4	..	....	....	4	160	....	134 17	Port Jervis.
Newburgh,	M. N. McLaren,	82	410	118	11	12	4	..	2	135	..	..	....	....	1	130	....	120 00	Newburgh.
Minisink,	J. T. Demarest	50	250	94	5	1	3	..	..	97	..	3	....	....	2	50	....	56 10	Montague.
New-Hurley,	E. Slingerland,	180	1080	116	2	..	1	..	5	112	10	..	....	50	5	250	175	200 57	New Hurley.
Walden,	M. V. Schoonmaker,	85	450	160	8	4	6	..	6	160	10	2	60	35	1	85	75	208 01	Walden.
Walpack,	R. Pitts, S. S.,	150	700	162	3	1	1	..	1	164	17	..	....	15	4	160	140	52 50	Delaware, Pa.
Bloomingburgh,	S. W. Mills,	110	550	170	2	4	6	1	..	169	10	2	30	....	2	125	....	180 40	Bloomingburgh.
Ellenville,	S. P. Ayres,	100	500	106	4	3	1	..	4	108	4	2	....	50	4	....	200	192 73	Ellenville.
Fallsburgh,	C. D. Elsinge,	80	400	148	..	..	9	1	1	137	1	..	....	12	1	60	40	179 00	Woodbourne.
Wawarsing,	J. R. Lente,	194	970	171	3	1	10	..	3	162	6	..	30	45	3	150	95	116 80	Napanoch.
Grahamville,	J. W. Hammond,	70	300	108	6	..	..	..	..	114	6	4	....	20	4	100	60	.....	Grahamville.
Wurtsborough,	W. Cruikshank, S. S.,	100	500	3	..	..	..	..	..	45	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Wurtsborough.
Upper Neversink,	J. Bernart, S. S.,	23	115	20	2	1	..	..	1	22	1	1	....	....	1	....	20	.....	Claryville.
Brown Settlement,	J. Bernart, S. S.,	10	50	15	1	..	1	..	..	15	..	1	....	....	..	....	....	.....	

Ministers without charge.—Rev. R. Hall, Joshua Boyd, William Youngblood, returned Foreign Missionary.

F GREENE.

Communicants.					Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES
2	1	..	2	....	4	..	....	23	1	60	....	Athens.
..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Catskill.
1	13	..	9	....	1	1	....	....	..	....	....	Coxsackie.
7	2	..	1	98	2	1	27	18	1	90	45	Coxsackie Landing.
7	..	..	..	164	15	6	23	37	1	73	45	Kiskatom.
4	2	..	3	105	5	1	20	40	2	100	75	Leeds.
1	2	..	2	50	1	2	20	2	3	....	....	Moresville.
..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Prattsville.
4	..	1	1	57	..	..	....	21	1	....	....	Roxbury.

re.—Rev. W. R. S. Betts.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Centreville,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Centreville.
Constantine,	D. A. Jones,	33	140	42	5	..	3	..	1	43	3	..	15	....	1	40	36	Constantine.
Ridgeway,	A. B. Taylor,	28	70	39	..	..	5	..	3	34	2	..	....	....	..	....	....	Ridgeway.
Macon,		15	125	11	3	5	..	..	..	19	..	2	....	....	..	....	....	
South Bend,	D. McNeish, S. C.,	9	40	15	1	3	2	..	1	15	1	..	10	10	1	40	....	South Bend.
Mottville,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Mottville.
Jeff-rson,	H. Heermance,	....	....	....	6	10	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	
Grand Rapids,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Grand Rapids.

***Ministers without charge.*—Rev. John H. Sheffield, John G. Tarbell.**

WATERVLIET.

s.		Bapt.		C. & B.C.		Sab. Schools.				
...ers.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
1	345	7	..	....	50	1	150	120	.....	West Troy.
3	79	3	..	....	....	1	150	100	.....	do.
1	63	..	..	....	12	1	40	30	$52 00	Wynantskill.
2	86	3	4	....	24	1	70	60	79 00	Boght.
1	79	..	..	....	....	1	70	60	10 00	Waterford.
1	92	11	2	....	15	1	60	50	175 00	Cohoes.
1	49	..	..	....	....	1	40	25	.....	West Troy.

Dickson, John Smith, Jacob A. Lansing, S. C.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Lodi,	G. J. Garretson,	180	900	219	7	..	3	..	6	217	13	2	130	75	5	225	200	$109 00	Lodi.
Geneva,	H. V. Voorhees,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Geneva.
Waterloo,	G. Rockwell,	15	75	....	..	15	..	..	..	15	3	..	....	....	..	....	....	10 56	Waterloo.
Arcadia,	J. Whitbeck,	50	200	63	1	..	..	..	..	64	2	..	....	10	..	....	....	.....	Arcadia.
Ithaca,	C. H. A. Bulkley,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Ithaca.
Farmersville,	B. Bassler,	90	445	108	1	6	3	..	2	110	4	..	....	25	1	95	80	.....	Farmer.
Tyre,	J. R. VanArsdale, S. C	49	228	64	2	2	..	..	1	67	..	1	25	....	2	90	80	17 00	Waterloo.
Cato,	Vacant,	38	190	....	..	..	..	..	1	40	2	..	40	....	1	....	....	.....	Cato.
Wolcott,	R. W. Knight,	36	180	....	..	..	..	..	..	36	1	..	18	....	..	....	....	.....	Red Creek.
Palmyeville,	A. K. Kasse,	33	150	....	25	..	..	..	..	75	11	..	36	....	..	....	....	.....	Palmyeville,
Caroline,	.....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Sluyterville.
Piffardinia,	.....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Piffard.
Gorham,	.....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	

HOLLAND.

Communicants.					Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools			
On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
9	2	1	5	108	11	..	56	....	..	....	....	Holland, Mich.
1	7	..	3	84	11	..	44	....	..	....	....	" "
..	6	..	..	282	..	..	120	....	1	48	....	" "
..	..	3	..	278	30	..	188	....	..	....	....	" "
4	3	..	4	120	13	..	40	....	..	....	....	" "
11	..	..	..	96	30	..	62	....	..	....	....	" "
14	6	..	7	66	7	..	25	....	..	....	....	Grand Haven.
..	4	..	8	100	20	..	65	....	..	....	....	Grand Rapids.
12	..	8	6	67	10	..	23	....	..	....	....	Kalamazoo.
20	3	4	8	136	20	..	86	....	..	....	....	Milwaukie, Wis.
..	..	..	..	18	1	..	24	....	..	....	....	Milwaukie, Wis.
..	..	..	..	14	8	..	20	....	..	....	....	Milwaukie, Wis.

CLASSES	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Students.	Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction	Number of Sabbath Schools	Number of Scholars.	STATED CLERKS.
New-York,	17	29	1	..	1090	5780	156	140	3346	220	14	666	193	12	1994	Rev. N. J. Marselus, D. D.
South Classis of New-York,	11	17	..	..	932	4085	83	133	1642	142	11	895	474	14	1490	" S. H. Meeker.
New-Brunswick,	24	33	2	..	2262	11195	235	185	3169	253	47	1006	331	47	1908	" D. D. Demarest.
Bergen,	14	17	1	..	1779	8589	130	92	2056	269	10	1147	526	22	2041	" A. H. Warner.
Passaic,	9	8	..	..	977	4904	38	15	859	65	5	111	157	17	680	" John A. Staats.
Paramus,	14	11	..	..	1370	6062	65	26	1534	156	9	276	105	18	778	" P. J. Quick.
South Classis of Long Island,	13	12	..	..	931	4555	44	282	1326	88	3	340	185	16	848	" R. O. Currie, D.D.
North Classis of Long Island,	9	11	..	..	678	2875	26	33	773	55	2	147	120	11	405	" T. C. Strong.
Philadelphia,	11	14	..	..	965	4870	37	38	1645	65	13	155	292	27	1470	" T. B. Romeyn.
Poughkeepsie,	10	12	..	..	936	5030	43	56	1689	45	12	130	253	15	958	" A. M. Mann.
Hudson,	8	9	..	..	772	3205	19	13	1096	52	1	70	54	22	635	" Ira C. Boice.
Illinois,	5	2	..	..	92	499	2	....	209	14	1	....	....	1	80	" S. V. E. Westfall.
Westchester,	10	9	..	..	350	1326	28	124	461	17	7	55	100	7	294	" J. L. See.
Albany,	14	8	..	..	1397	7061	71	65	2126	100	6	395	225	16	1060	" I. N. Wyckoff, D. D.
Ulster,	23	19	..	..	1871	9364	58	61	2230	154	8	440	239	31	847	" C. L. Van Dyck.
Rensselaer,	9	7	..	..	851	3951	10	7	1035	28	1	100	36	16	760	" E. Nevius.
Washington,	9	9	..	..	368	1614	25	9	527	16	8	80	50	6	280	" Henry Morris.
Montgomery,	18	15	..	..	1686	7720	57	24	1649	102	6	85	152	19	980	" D. Van Olinda.
Schoharie,	12	9	..	..	475	2355	9	16	551	19	4	....	55	9	440	" Jacob West.
Schenectady,	11	10	..	..	1264	6035	49	34	1581	100	12	204	62	23	804	" A. J. Swits.
Cayuga,	10	10	..	..	821	3161	24	45	590	41	7	50	94	19	665	" John Dubois.
Orange,	18	20	..	..	1989	10025	65	37	2230	114	15	345	349	41	1390	" W. S. Moore.
Greene,	9	8	..	..	591	2621	35	26	414	28	11	90	141	9	323	" J. M. Compton.
Watervliet,	7	9	..	..	483	2235	19	19	793	24	6	....	101	7	580	" J. A. Lansing.
Michigan,	8	6	..	..	85	375	15	18	111	6	2	25	10	2	80	" D. McNeish.
Geneva,	13	9	..	..	491	2368	36	23	624	36	3	249	110	9	410	" J. R. Van Aradale.
Holland,	12	6	..	..	563	2854	164	71	1369	161	....	753	....	1	48	
Total,	328	328	4	20	25969	127214	1553	1432	35616	2370	224	7814	4414	437	22240	

ARTICLE VII.

SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Stated Clerk laid before Synod an appeal, and reasons for the same, taken by the Rev. John S. Ebaugh, from the decision of the Particular Synod of New-York in his case; and also an appeal, and reasons for the same, taken by the Classis of New-York, from the same decision of the Particular Synod; both of which had been transmitted to him by the President of the last Particular Synod; which were referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business beg leave to report:

1. In regard to the petition and complaint of Alfred Carhartt, that inasmuch as no appeal from the decision of the Particular Synod is contained in the paper, and inasmuch as the said Alfred Carhartt expresses himself perfectly satisfied with that decision; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod has no jurisdiction in the case.

2. An appeal of Rev. John S. Ebaugh from the decision of the Particular Synod of New-York, has been referred to your Committee.

——— is recommended to General Synod by the Classis of Schenectady, for aid to enable him to prosecute studies with the view of the Christian ministry.

On the 24th page of the Minutes of Particular Synod of New-York occurs the following preamble and resolution, passed by the Classis of New-Brunswick:

"Whereas a former recommendation of the *Christian Intelligencer*, by the General Synod, is published weekly in that paper, and whereas the *Christian Intelligencer*, as at present conducted, appears to this Classis by no means to represent justly the doctrines and policy of the R. D. Church; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the attention of the General Synod be called to the above facts, and that that body be requested to take such action as in its judgment may seem adapted to correct the evil."

Also the following action on the same subject by the Classis of New-York:

"Whereas there is at present no paper distinctly devoted to the advocacy of the views and policy of the R. D. Church and under its control, and the need of such an organ is widely felt; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the Classis recommend to General Synod the necessity of taking such immediate action on the subject as they in their wisdom shall deem best."

On p. 28 of Minutes of same Synod, is notice given by the Rev. John S. Ebaugh, of an appeal from a decision of the Particular Synod in his case. The foregoing references to the Synod appear to be the only ones claiming the attention of your Committee.

C. VAN SANTVOORD, *Chairman.*

It was *Resolved*, That the consideration of the resolutions referred to this Synod by the last General Synod, be indefinitely postponed.

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to the recommendation of suitable persons to receive aid in the prosecution of studies for the ministry, be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Resolvd, That so much of the above report as relates to the subject of a religious newspaper, be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Rev. Gabriel Ludlow, John Mason Ferris, Philip Peltz, and the Elders, Austin Strong and Jacob H. Diefendorf.

The Rev. G. W. Bethune was subsequently added to the above Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL APPEALS.

Synod took up the appeal of the Rev. John S. Ebaugh from the decision of the Particular Synod of New-York, in the case of his appeal from the decision of the Classis of New-York, suspending him from the gospel ministry.

The President announced that the Synod was about to proceed to the consideration of judicial business, and enjoined upon the members to regard their characters as judges in the highest court of Jesus Christ known to the Constitution of the Reformed Dutch Church.

The Elder, John Sanders, was recognized as the counsel of the Rev. John S. Ebaugh.

The Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, D.D., and George H. Fisher, D.D., were accredited as Commissioners from the Classis of New-York; the Rev. George W. Bethune, D.D., and J. Paschal Strong, were recognized as Commissioners from the Particular Synod of New-York, to give explanations of the grounds of their decision in the above case.

The appeal was considered in the following order:

1. The sentence appealed from was read.
2. The appeal and reasons of appeal were read.
3. The documents in the case were read.
4. The appellant was heard in support of his appeal.
5. The Classis of New-York were heard in defence of their proceedings by their Commissioners.
6. The Particular Synod of New-York was heard in explanation of the grounds of their decision, and of their proceedings in the case, by

ıtive. The ayes and nays, being called for, were taken, and are
ɪs :—

Ayes.

ımpbell,	W. H. Crosby,	C. C. Van Arsdale,
ow,	H. G. Livingston,	M. V. Schoonmaker,
derveer,	A. G. Ryerson,	W. Youngblood,
Kirk,	A. C. Van Duyne,	A. Strong,
Van Doren,	C. E. Crispell,	J. Scofield,
ı,	B. Hoff,	P. Peltz,
Iandeville,	J. N. Voorhees,	L. Preston,
liger,	J. M. Ferris,	D. McNeish,
Vard,	A. T. Stewart,	D. Dayton,
Voorhees,	J. Storms,	O. H. Gregory,
. Lawrence,	J. Van Vechten,	T. F. Wyckoff,
Cleef,	J. W. Schenck,	S. Crawford,
ip,	P. V. N. Morris,	G. Rockwell.—41.
ıemus,	J. H. Van Woert,	

Nays.

athews,	T. B. Gregory,	N. Conklin,
utton,	A. B. Winfield,	G. Schanck,
eele,	N. P. Pierce,	J. S. Demarest,
s,	S. P. Stoothoof,	P. H. Burghardt,
ood,	D. M. Stone,	A. F. Lansing,
raven,	J. Carpenter,	C. Van Santvoord,
,	M. Luyster,	C. L. Van Dyck,
ıage,	G. Ludlow,	J. Auchmoody,
n,	S. S. Becker,	R. Pitts,
s,	J. H. Watson,	J. M. Compton,
son,	A. B. Chittendon,	D. A. Jones,
hall,	A. J. Switz,	C. N. Waldron,
hapman,	J. D. Ogsbury,	C. F. Crosby,
an Dyck,	F. T. Drake,	J. Whitbeck.—43.
ler,		

Rev. S. V. E. Westfall, William Bailey, W. L. James, and David
, were excused from voting.

ıuestion then recurred upon the original motion, which being
t was decided in the *affirmative.*

ıyes and nays, being called for, were taken, and are as follows :—

Ayes.

utton,	W. H. Crosby,	J. A. Van Woert,
eele,	N. Conklin,	E. Vedder,
athews,	G. Schanck,	S. S. Becker,
s,	J. S. Demarest,	J. H. Watson,
ood,	B. Hoff,	A. B. Chittendon,
owe,	P. H. Burghardt,	A. J. Switz,
ıage,	A. F. Lansing,	J. D. Ogsbury,

T. B. Gregory,	C. Van Santvoord,	F. T. Drake,
A. B. Winfield,	C. L. Van Dyck,	R. Pitts,
N. P. Pierce,	J. Auchmoody,	A. Strong,
S. P. Stoothoff,	L. Lafflin,	O. H. Gregory,
D. M. Stone,	A. Boice,	C. N. Waldron,
J. W. Ward,	H. Slawson,	C. F. Crosby,
J. V. H. Lawrence,	A. Marshall,	J. Whitbeck,
F. M. Kip,	N. F. Chapman,	D. A. Jones.—45.

Nays.

J. K. Campbell,	C. C. Van Arsdale,	L. H. Van Dyck,
E. R. Craven,	G. Ludlow,	M. V. Schoonmaker,
H. Vanderveer,	H. G. Livingston,	W. Youngblood,
J. Doty,	A. G. Ryerson,	J. Scofield,
W. H. Kirk,	A. C. Van Duyne,	P. Peltz,
W. H. Van Doren,	C. E. Crispell,	J. M. Compton,
P. Allen,	J. N. Voorhees,	L. Preston,
E. W. Van Voorhees,	J. M. Ferris,	D. McNeish,
G. Mandeville,	A. T. Stewart,	D. Dayton,
J. B. Alliger,	J. Storms,	T. F. Wyckoff,
A. Polhemus,	J. W. Schenck,	S. Crawford,
M. Luyster,	P. V. N. Morris,	G. Rockwell.—36.

The Rev. Cornelius Van Cleef, S. V. E. Westfall, J. Van Vechten, William Bailey, William L. James, and David B. Hall, were excused

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Twentieth Annual Report of the Board of Education was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education was presented, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The First Annual Report concerning the Academy at Holland, Ottawa county, Michigan, was presented and read as part of the Report of the Board of Education, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Thirteenth Annual Report of the General Synod's Board of Sabbath-school Union was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Treasurer's Report of the Board of Sabbath-school Union was presented, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Resolved, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the propriety and practicability of establishing Parochial Schools within the bounds of our churches, and report upon the same.

The Committee on Education reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Education would present the following report:

It appears from the Report of the Board of Education, that there are at present eighteen young men under their care, and that of these only two have been received since the last meeting of General Synod. This must be acknowledged to be a small addition, but the reason assigned for it is stated to be, the change in the mode of the reception of students adopted by the General Synod. The change not having been generally known throughout the Church, some young men, anxious to receive aid, neglected to apply at the proper season. This difficulty, however, the Board presume, will not again occur. Favorable mention is also made of the High School, or Academy, established among the Holland brethren in Ottawa county, Michigan, and under the superintendence of the Classis of Holland in that State. A statement of the successful establishment of the school, and of the deep interest in it felt by the Holland brethren, accompanies the Report, and your Committee would recommend that General Synod hereby express their cordial sympathy in the enterprise, and commend it to the favorable notice of our churches.

The Thirteenth Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the General Synod's Sabbath-school Union has also been examined by your Committee *with much interest*. From this it appears that the whole

number of schools now on the register is one hundred and fifty-six, and that of these, thirteen have been received since the last report. The Board speak very encouragingly of their operations, and of the advantages derived from the Union. They state that the reports from the schools are generally favorable, and the presence of the Holy Spirit in his converting influences has been manifested in some of them. They record the gathering into the fold of Christ of both teachers and scholars, and your Committee are persuaded that the closer the Sunday-school and the Church are drawn together, and the more the Church regards the Sunday-school as one of the means by which she seeks to fulfil her duty of preaching the gospel, will the Board be enabled to enlarge its reports of such gratifying results.

In the Report of the Board of Education, your Committee find a reference to the system of parochial schools. This subject has also been referred to them by resolution of Synod, by which they are instructed to inquire into the propriety and practicability of establishing such schools within the bounds of our Church. As to the propriety of establishing such schools, your Committee feel that there can be but one opinion. Our Church has from the beginning given her testimony in favor of them. It is expressly decreed by the last Synod of Dort, in its seventeenth session, when legislating on the subject of catechetical instruction, that there should be observed a threefold method, the second of which is styled scholastic by schoolmasters, and to carry this into effect there was made another decree which comprises among others the following resolutions:

Church should endeavor to carry out the measure must necessarily vary with circumstances. The plan which should be adopted in our large cities, if indeed it could be adopted at all there, must be very diverse from that pursued in places in the country. Your Committee fear that, in our large cities, the Church can never regain her lost ground. The only suggestions, therefore, which your Committee feel warranted to make at present, are the following:

The delegate from the Classis of Greene having stated to Synod that his Classis had had the subject before them, and had resolved to endeavor to establish a Classical parochial school within their bounds, your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That this Synod regard with much interest this project of the Classis of Greene, and that Rev. W. E. Turner and J. M. Compton be a Committee to consider the subject of the best mode of establishment and the means of support of parochial schools; and to report thereon to the next General Synod.

Resolved, That the several Classes be requested to send up to General Synod, at its next meeting, their views as to the practicability of establishing parochial schools within their bounds.

All which is respectfully submitted.

M. S. HUTTON, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Education whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen, viz.: Rev. John Knox, D.D., and Messrs. Brockholst L. Kip and Horatio P. Allen.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Managers of the General Synod's Board of Sabbath-school Union whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected, viz.: Rev. Abraham Messler D.D., Henry, G. Livingston, Thomas C. Strong, William R. Gordon, Charles Whitehead, Abraham R. Van Nest, John C. F. Hoes, and Messrs. James Forrester, Bauman Low, Peter Duryea, Abraham Lent, and Grant Dubois.

ARTICLE XIII.

RUTGERS COLLEGE.

The following report was received from the Standing Committee on Rutgers College, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate:—

The undersigned, in behalf of the Committee on Rutgers College, begs leave to report to General Synod:

That they have been happy to learn that the Trustees of Rutgers Col-

lege, early last season, complied with the compact with the Synod, (vide Minutes of 1850, p. 82,) and elected Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, the Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, the Professor of Theology in Rutgers College.

The term of service of the following members of this Committee now expires: Rev. Thomas M. Strong, D.D., and Daniel P. Ingraham.

I. FERRIS, *Chairman.*

New-York, June 7th, 1852.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the vacancies in the Standing Committee on Rutgers College. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected: Rev. Thomas M. Strong, D.D., and the Elder Daniel P. Ingraham.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary whose term of service had expired. Nominations were received from the South Classis of Long Island, Classes of Bergen, Hudson, Schoharie, Orange, and Westchester, which were confirmed. It was referred to the Committee on Nominations to report

ıction, and to afflict me sorely with a disease which thus far has
fled the prescribed remedies, and left me unable to speak words either
culately or fluently. I am no longer able either to lecture to a class
preach to a congregation, in consequence of the sad and painful
ction in my throat.

n such circumstances, while I bow submissively to the will of my
venly Father, I put myself into the hands of the General Synod to
ose of me as they think proper, and to make suitable provision for
wants of the institution in my special department of study. The
ıod will consider the above sentiment as containing a full resignation
ny office, or as standing aside to receive help, until my bodily malady
ll be either removed or more fully developed. I doubt much whether
state of health will so improve as to permit me to engage in active
rice. Sincerely do I thank my Rev. Brethren and Elders for all the
lnesses shown me, and pray that they may be guided by the Spirit of
sdom and Love.

remain, with sentiments of profound respect, Rev. Fathers and Breth-
your brother in Christ, and your obedient servant,

JAMES S. CANNON.

ev. Dr. ABEEL, Præses, and Members of the Synod.

he Committee on the Professorate reported upon the above commu-
tion, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:—

he Committee on the Professorate, to whom was referred the commu-
tion of the Rev. Dr. Cannon, Professor in the Theological Seminary
Jew-Brunswick, in which he states that it has pleased God to afflict
sorely with a disease which hitherto has baffled the prescribed reme-
, and incapacitated him either to lecture to a class or preach to a con-
gation, and that he therefore places himself in the hands of the Synod
ispose of him as they think proper, and to make suitable provision for
wants of the institution in his special department of study; authorizing
Synod to "consider the above sentiment as containing a full resigna-
of his office, or as standing aside to receive help until his bodily
ady shall be either removed or more fully developed," would respect-
r recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

. *Resolved, unanimously*, That this Synod receive the above commu-
tion with unfeigned sorrow; that they reverently acknowledge and
to the dispensation of God, so afflictive to the Theological Seminary
the Church at large, and affectionately sympathize with our venerated
ıer in Christ and his family; that they express their high sense of
importance of the services which he has rendered to the Seminary and
rch; of the great and constant fidelity with which he has discharged
duties of his office; of the devotedness with which he has endeavored
romote the best interests of the institution with which he is con-
ed as Professor; of the uniform dignity and propriety which has
ked his whole conduct and conversation, and of the ability with which
ıas maintained the peculiar doctrines and order of our Church; and
offer their *fervent prayers* for his restoration to health and useful-

ness, and that his days among us may be peaceful and happy, and be cheered by the lively hope and joys of salvation.

2. *Resolved, unanimously*, That Dr. Cannon be continued in his present office, and declared to be Professor Emeritus in the Theological Seminary, and that the whole amount of the salary now annexed to it be paid to him as heretofore.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod appoint a Professor of Pastoral Theology, Ecclesiastical History, and Church Government, who shall also perform the duties which Dr. Cannon has heretofore performed in giving instruction to the classes in Rutgers College, and in preaching on the Sabbath in his regular turn with the other Professors in the chapel of Rutgers College.

By order of the Committee.

SAMUEL B. HOW, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That in view of the election of an additional Professor, in the place of Dr. Cannon, it be referred to the Committee on the Professorate to devise ways and means for the increase of the funds and income of the General Synod.

Synod proceeded to appoint a Professor of Pastoral Theology, Ecclesiastical History, and Church Government, in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church, in the place of the Rev. Dr. Cannon, whose resignation has been accepted.

formed Dutch Church in New-Brunswick; and that, in addition to the inaugural address to be delivered on that occasion by the Professor elect, the Rev. George W. Bethune, D.D., be and hereby is appointed to preside and to deliver a sermon, and the Rev. Isaac Ferris, D.D., to deliver a charge to the Professor; and that the Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D., be *secundus* to the Rev. George W. Bethune, D.D., and the Rev. Ransford Wells, D.D., be *secundus* to Rev. Isaac Ferris, D.D.

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of Messrs. Jeremiah Whitenack, Peter Spader, and John Stoothoof, be appointed to aid Professor Ludlow in his removal to New-Brunswick, and that the Treasurer of General Synod is hereby authorized to pay the expenses of the same.

Resolved, That the Rev. Samuel B. How and James K. Campbell be, and hereby are apppointed a Committee to carry to the Rev. J. S. Cannon, D.D., a copy of all the action of this Synod, upon his resignation of his professorship in the Theological Seminary.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on the Professorate respectfully submit to General Synod the following Report:

1. It appears from the report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary that, during the year previous to the examination in July, 1851, twenty-six young men had attended the exercises of the institution. Of these, two, who were members of the Senior Class, have been obliged by the loss of health to relinquish their studies, and one has died. One of the Professors also has resigned his professorship. It is the usual method of the Divine procedure to try the faith and zeal of the Church; and by these afflictive dispensations of his providence, God calls us not only to submission to his will, but to a livelier sense of our dependence upon him for the preservation of a faithful gospel ministry, and to more fervent prayers for the increase of the number of those who are willing to devote themselves to his service in it. Your Committee notice with pleasure a handsome donation to your Theological Library of two hundred and fifty volumes of theological works in the Dutch language, from the family of the late Rensselaer Westerlo, Esq., of Albany, for which suitable acknowledgments were made by your Board of Superintendents. The increase of the Theological Library is a matter of great importance. There is reason to believe that in many families there are books, the value of which is unknown to them, which are laid aside as useless, but which, if deposited in your library, would really add to its value; and it is to be hoped that hereafter many will imitate the good example of the Westerlo family.

2. From the Report of the Board of Direction, it appears that they have given a highly commendable attention to the financial affairs of the Synod, and that all their proceedings have been conducted with cordial unanimity. The debt of General Synod has been entirely liquidated; its

funds are well invested; the interest on them is regularly paid, and there is a handsome balance in the treasury in the Synod's favor. To the many other acts of generous and Christian liberality of Abraham Van Nest, Esq., the President of the Board of Direction, he has added that of paying into the treasury his subscription of five thousand dollars towards the endowment of the third Professorship.

The widow of the late Rev. John F. Schermerhorn has been written to on the subject of his indebtedness to Synod, and she has promised payment when practicable.

The Rev. A. D. Wilson and Mr. John G. Voorhies, who were appointed agents of Synod to take possession of the church edifice and property of the Reformed Dutch church of Brunswick, Peoria county, Illinois, and to make the best disposition of it in their power for the interest of Synod, having returned no answer to the communication of the Board in September last, have again been written to on the subject.

There are now sixteen productive scholarships, and one in process of accumulation.

The present amount of the Relief Fund is eleven thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars. Two hundred and fifty dollars have recently been paid into it, making it now twelve thousand dollars. The annuitants are five widows of deceased ministers and three superannuated and disabled ministers. Dr. Murphy has declined his appointment to act as an agent for this Fund. The Board, while they express their regret at its slow increase, earnestly call the attention of Synod to this subject.

The Treasurer's report of the annual income and expenditure of the

the term of service of the following members of the Committee now expires: Rev. Thomas M. Strong, D.D., and Daniel P. Ingraham.

On the subject of devising ways and means for the support of the Professor Emeritus and the Professor elect of Pastoral Theology, &c., in our Theological Seminary, which was referred to them, they respectfully report the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the salary of the newly-elected Professor shall commence on September 1, 1852.

2. *Resolved*, That each of the Classes, and each of the ministers and Consistories under the care of this Synod, be enjoined and respectfully urged to use their best endeavors to raise funds for the payment of the salaries of these Professors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL B. HOW, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Resolved, That the rule requiring a sum of one dollar from the students of the Theological Seminary, for the use of the library, be and is hereby repealed.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

PREVAILING SINS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

Whereas, in the view of this Synod, it would contribute greatly to the extension and prosperity of our Church, if permanent provision were made for the adequate support of the ministry, especially in our infant or weaker congregations:

Resolved, That the subject be referred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. James M. Mathews, George W. Bethune, and Alexander M. Mann, and the Elders, Clarkson F. Crosby and David M. Stone, to report thereon during the present meeting of Synod.

The Committee was subsequently discharged, and the subject was referred to the Board of Domestic Missions.

The *Twentieth Annual Report* of the Board of Domestic Missions of

the General Synod was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Treasurer's Report of the Board of Domestic Missions was presented, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Twentieth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Treasurer's Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was presented, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Sermon on the subject of Domestic Missions was preached on the evening of the second day of the session, by the Rev. William W. Halloway, from Rom. xiii. 11: "*Knowing the time.*"

The Sermon on the subject of Foreign Missions was preached on the evening of the sixth day of the session, by the Rev. Ira C. Boice, from the Song of Solomon, viii. 5: "*Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved?*"

The Committee on Missions reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Missions would respectfully report:

I. As to Foreign Missions.

places by his Church his manifest wisdom; and to his Church he grants, as his blessing on obedience, the rich graces of his Spirit.

In the history of the Foreign Missions of our Church, we look back on many trials, sent upon us for wise purposes; and still a dark cloud rests upon a station long and fondly cherished by us—one in behalf of which we have often prayed and wept. But are discouragements to deter us from duty? Because present success has been withheld, are we to withdraw our efforts? While we remember that Christ's is that mighty power by which he is able to subdue all things to himself, and that he has assured us that he that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him, is not our duty clear? Obedience, not success, insures the approval of our Lord. Our prayers for the Borneo Mission have been many, our anxieties great, our disappointments neither few nor small. We have looked for light, but behold darkness. Of the brethren we have sent to preach the gospel to the Dyaks, some rest from their labors; they sleep in Jesus, and their memories are blessed. Others have sickened, and returned to their native land. And now there is not even a solitary individual left there, to tell the benighted heathen of the riches of Christ's grace. Our beloved brother Steele is still with us, anxiously looking for some whom love to Christ and pity for perishing souls may induce to return with him to the scenes of his former labors. The cry of help for Borneo has been sounded through our Church; but in vain. Though the providence of God originally pointed to this as a location for our missionaries; though our brethren have there sown seed which faith in the promises should lead us confidently to expect will yet spring, and bring forth fruit to the glory of Christ; though a knowledge of the language has been acquired, and elementary books prepared, and the confidence and respect of the Dyaks have been won, and the prospect of successive labor is bright; yet to all the cries for help—cries urged on his own redeemed ones by our Lord, as he pleads with them by his love for them—there is no response. And there is reason to fear that this station, so long and so fondly nurtured by us; this station, so endeared to us by the memory of the labors of Thompson and Pohlman, will yet be abandoned. Shall this be? Your Committee would respectfully and affectionately urge on our pastors the presentation of the Mission at Borneo to the churches, for their prayers; to the young, for their sympathy. And on the young men who are looking forward to the gospel ministry would they urge the inquiry, whether, if God is asking, "Whom shall I send?" their duty is not to reply, "Here am I; send me"? and whether they may not, by withholding themselves from the work, bring upon themselves the curse pronounced against the inhabitants of Meroz, because they came not up to the help of the Lord?

On our station at Amoy the Divine blessing has rested; and to our brethren there laboring most cheering indications of God's favor have been afforded. This, says the *Missionary Herald*, "has been more successful than any other mission of the Board in China; and its prospects for coming years are eminently cheering." In a letter from Mr. Talmage, dated in January last, in which he reviews the events of the past year, he states that, at *the commencement* of the year, they had two houses

open for the public preaching of the Word; their regular service in each being two sermons on every Sabbath. Two Bible-classes, a meeting for prayer and conference, and two female prayer-meetings, under the direction of the wives of our missionaries, constituted their regular weekly services. In addition to these, other and more informal services were conducted almost every day in the week, either by themselves or the native Christians. He himself had also engaged, as far as his health and strength would allow, in preaching in public places, to those whom he could draw together, and had been much encouraged in the work. Their various meetings were usually well attended. The Sabbath congregation in the chapel had assumed a permanent character, and resembled a congregation in a Christian land. During the year, our brethren were permitted to receive into the church ten persons, on a confession of their faith. But, alas! while the field is white unto the harvest, laborers are wanting, and the harvest cannot be gathered. The health of our brethren has been insufficient to sustain the multitude and pressure of their labors, and with every prospect of a successful issue of their work, could it be prosecuted, failing strength has compelled them to desist, at times at least, from their labors. Around them and before them they see fields of promise; but they cannot occupy them. They have stretched forth their hands towards their brethren at home, appealing to them for assistance. Year after year the Church has heard their cry; but it has been unheeded. They have been left alone; and as the consequence, when, through the Divine blessing on their past efforts, nothing more seemed to be necessary for the fulfilment of their own and the

who are laboring at Canton is, that the gospel and foreign commerce are coeval at Amoy."

In India, the Rev. Dr. Scudder and his son, the Rev. William W. Scudder, (both connected with the Classis of New-York,) are laboring among the Tamul population. Mr. Joseph Scudder, the third son of Dr. Scudder, a graduate of the College and Theological Seminary at New-Brunswick, has recently been licensed to preach the gospel of Christ, and has received from the Prudential Committee of the American Board an appointment to join his father in the missionary field in India. The venerable father will thus be blessed in the association of two of his sons with him in the work in which his heart delights; while at the same time others of his sons are in a course of training for the same blessed employment.

Your Committee would respectfully submit the question to Synod, whether any means can be devised to place our efforts for Foreign Missions on a basis promising greater efficiency. Our connection with the American Board, now of about nineteen years' continuance, has ever been pleasant, and, to us, beneficial. In our connection with them, we, in the opinion of your Committee, prosecute our efforts far more efficiently than we could were we an independent organization. Nor is any change in this matter desirable.

Can nothing, however, be done to increase the interest of our churches in the cause of Missions, and awaken in God's people a spirit of more fervent prayerfulness, of more conscientious liberality?

Can nothing be done to interest the youth of our Church in this great and glorious cause, and induce their personal consecration to this blessed work?

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the *Journal of Missions* and the *Dayspring* be recommended to the churches under the care of this Synod, as furnishing information on the subject of Missions well calculated to deepen the interest of Christ's followers in the cause; and that our ministers and consistories be earnestly requested to take necessary measures for the supply of every family in their congregations with a copy of one of these publications.

2. That the young men of our Church, who are looking forward to the ministry, be urged to read and ponder on the appeals of our missionaries to the Church for additional laborers, and to ask of themselves, deliberately, and carefully, and prayerfully, what the Lord would have them to do.

3. That as a Church we will not yet abandon Borneo; but, with earnest prayer to God for his blessing, will carefully and anxiously seek to reoccupy that station.

4. That we congratulate our beloved and venerable Father Scudder on the association of another son with himself in his field of labor; and in this, as well as in the devotion of his other sons to the cause of Missions, while we behold, we rejoice with him, in God's gracious answer to his prayers.

5. That when, in the *orderings* of Divine Providence, it shall seem de-

sirable, the Particular Synod of New-York take the necessary steps for the organization of Classes at Amoy and in India.

II. Domestic Missions.

Although the experience of another year is not wholly of an unmixed character, yet the Committee can speak in the language of congratulation. The heart is gladdened with the evidently increasing regard that attaches itself to this scheme of the Church for promoting its extension and usefulness. This, your Committee believe, affords the hope that there is a growing desire for the advancement of pure and undefiled religion through the world; for an increasing anxiety to carry the bread of life to those who in our own favored land are without it will be felt through the whole field of missionary labors. The children will not be fed, without awakening a feeling of sympathy for the stranger who is destitute of the bread of life. While there is a hope thus awakened which they would fondly cherish, they will look forward to an early day when the fields around us that are white for harvest will be gathered into the granary of the Lord, yielding the peaceable fruits of righteousness which shall be to the praise of the Great Husbandman. Our country is wide, and folds in its arms men of every condition, from the child of God to those who are far off from him and without hope in the world. To many in less favored circumstances than our own has that light been given that alone can guide their feet into the ways of peace; and while this Society receives our first

they will shed on other lands, proclaiming liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.

The whole amount received into the treasury during the last year was $10,596.93.

Disbursed, $10,795.67.

There is therefore a debt contracted by the Board of $198.74; and to this must be added $1,513 due to missionaries and churches aided by it, making in all $1,711.74 to be immediately provided, that the Board may fulfil its engagements. The bare mention of this, it is hoped, will be sufficient to awaken new zeal through the churches; and especially should it attract the attention of those churches who during the last year have done nothing at all to aid the Board in the very important work in which it is engaged. It is matter of very deep regret that no less a number than one hundred and sixty-five churches are in this condition. It is a fact so melancholy in its character as to demand the notice of the Classes to which they belong; for it is evident that had these come up, even moderately, to the assistance of the Board, no reason for complaint would have existed, but on the other hand joy would have filled the hearts of those who are laboring to extend and strengthen our beloved Zion, while they are bestowing the blessings which the gospel furnishes to dying men.

Besides all this, there are applications for aid which the Board cannot grant for the want of means. Surely, when men are thus knocking at the door of the churches asking for the bread of life, they will not be turned empty away. Surely our sympathies will be awakened, and the hand of Christian charity will be kindly and promptly held out to convey to them those blessings which they cannot ask and cannot expect to receive but at the hands of those who have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Your Committee feel it to be their particular duty to fix the attention of Synod on a resolution which the Board felt itself called upon to pass, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That this Board recommend to the General Synod to take into consideration the propriety of vesting in their Board of Domestic Missions the power of employing, in peculiar cases, lay agencies of such as shall be recommended by Classis, where ministerial services cannot be obtained."

The necessity and propriety of such a recommendation arose out of the fact that several hundred Hollanders, sojourning in the city of New-York, were destitute of the means of grace. Their ignorance of the English language shut them out from the ordinances of religion in those churches where English only is spoken, while the same reason placed them beyond the reach of those who might willingly have comforted them in a strange land, by breaking to them the bread of life. It was necessary, in consequence of these facts, that one acquainted with their language should be employed to do for them what those unacquainted with their vernacular tongue could not accomplish. A pious layman was employed to teach them and aid them in singing the songs of Zion in a strange land. The Board deemed it their duty to pay

the salary of this person, although it was out of the ordinary way of appropriating the funds placed at their disposal.

Your Committee recommend that Synod approve of what the Board thus did, satisfied that the people of the Dutch Church will feel rejoiced to know that their Christian hospitality was thus given to strangers from their fatherland, who were only receiving the fruit of that vine which their kinsmen according to the flesh had planted in this land, under the shadow of which we now so comfortably sit. Your Committee also recommend that the power of employing lay agencies, in peculiar cases, be unhesitatingly granted, fully persuaded that it is perfectly safe in such hands.

Your Committee congratulate the Synod that the impress of the Divine approbation is so visibly stamped on the work of the laborers employed or aided by the Board. Upwards of four hundred have been gathered out of the world, and as many more have availed themselves of the provisions of Zion provided for them by the Board. These are results which cannot but gladden the hearts, and amply repay those who have cast their mites into the treasury of God. The day seems evidently to have dawned that is to witness a large extension of our Church, and to make her name and her principles better known through the land. Her banner only requires to be fairly unfolded, that her character may be esteemed and her principles hailed as the embodiment of that truth that maketh men free.

Although the experience of another year has not been wholly of an unmixed character, there is a large preponderance of reason for thank-

D.D., Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D., R. Ormiston Currie, D.D., Elbert S. Porter, and Messrs. Samuel B. Schieffelin, William H. Crosby, and Eleazer Lord.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected, viz.: Rev. Thomas De Witt, D.D., Isaac Ferris, D.D., James Talmage, and Messrs. Charles Little and John Ackerman.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect individuals to preach the Annual Missionary Sermons, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the Rev. Abraham Polhemus was chosen *Primarius*, to preach the sermon on the subject of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. Samuel B. How, D.D., *Secundus;* the Rev. Oscar H. Gregory was chosen *Primarius*, to preach the sermon in behalf of Domestic Missions, and the Rev. John B. Alliger, *Secundus*.

ARTICLE XIX.

WIDOWS' FUND.

The Committee on the Widows' Fund reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on the Widows' Fund respectfully report, that the reports for the last year from the Treasurer have been placed in their hands, from which they learn that the number of subscribers to this Fund is sixty (60), and the present number of annuitants is eight (8). The amount received as income is $1,773.72, and the disbursements are $1,327.99, leaving a balance in the treasury of $445.73. There has been added to the principal of the Fund, during the year, $641.03.

We regret that this Fund does not receive a larger share of the sympathies and liberality of the churches. The attention of the churches has been called yearly to this subject, and your Committee would again recommend, that all the churches be urged to take collections yearly on behalf of this Fund. It is important that the amount of principal be so increased and invested, that the income may always be sufficient to make certain to each annuitant the highest amount contemplated by the rules regulating this Fund. Respectfully submitted.

J. B. ALLIGER.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the different Classes to appoint an agent to preach in all the churches within their bounds, on the subject of the Widows' Fund, and take up collections in aid of this benevolent object; and that the Classis *supply* the pulpit of this agent while engaged in this *work*.

ARTICLE XX.

PARTICULARIA.

The communication containing the Bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

Whereas, a pamphlet called "A Vindication and Defence," and purporting to have been written by Rev. John S. Ebaugh, containing matter derogatory of the character of some of the clergy and elders of the Classis of New-York, and intended to operate prejudicially upon the minds of the members of this Synod, has been circulated among the members of this body:

Resolved, That this Synod deeply regret the introduction of said pamphlet, and utterly condemn the matter and the manner of its publication and circulation.

The Rev. John M. Ferris, Elijah R. Craven, and the Elder William Woram, were appointed a Committee of Canvass, to whom the ballots cast for filling vacancies in the several Boards of the Synod, for delegates to the corresponding churches, and for persons to preach the Missionary Sermons, were committed; who reported the result of the election.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to have such a number of blank notices for members elected to the several Boards printed as he

has a full right to appoint the man who is to conduct the editorial department, if he be incompetent or indisposed to do it himself. The editor, moreover, whoever he may be, must necessarily, if he would be efficient, possess and exercise a considerable amount of discretionary power, under the general supervision of his employer, in admitting or rejecting communications, designed to occupy the columns of the paper. These suggestions apply, of course, to the paper connected with our Church, as well as every other. Still, from the connection existing between the paper and our Church, and from the fact that it mainly depends on the members of our Church for its support, and we may add for its very life itself, we think the Synod has a right to expect, and not only to expect, but to insist, with due courtesy and respect to the proprietor—for we hold him responsible—that while, on the one hand, the editor avoids the meanness of sectarianism, he should impress upon the paper distinctly and unmistakably the features of the denomination with which it is connected, and whose organ it professes to be. The members of our own, and those of other churches, ought to find in it a clear and decided advocacy of our doctrines and policy, of our order and our institutions. All this we deem simply reasonable and congruous. We think, also, that we shall not expect or insist upon all this in vain, when we remember that the proprietor is one of our sons by birth, education, profession, and in heart; one who has made sacrifices in times past in resuscitating and sustaining this very enterprise, and who in his communication to General Synod, now in the hands of your Committee, has manifested a spirit so courteous and so devoted to the interests of the ecclesiastical community which is our common mother. If there has been a deviation from this course to any extent, your Committee feel disposed, under the influence of that heaven-descended charity which "thinketh no evil," to ascribe it to inadvertence, rather than to intention.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the General Synod consider a weekly newspaper to be essential to the interests of the Church.

Resolved, That Mr. Charles Van Wyck is entitled to the warm thanks of the Church, for the zealous services which he has rendered to it since he has assumed the proprietorship of the paper.

Resolved, That in order to place the *Christian Intelligencer* high in the confidence of our churches, and to secure, as we believe, a more liberal support, the Rev. Drs. De Witt, Ferris and Fisher be requested, in the name of the Synod, to aid Mr. Van Wyck, as a Committee of superintendence over the conduct of the paper, thereby giving assurance that it is the organ of our Church.

Resolved, That if this arrangement be carried into effect, the names of the Committee be printed at the head of the paper.

Resolved, That if said arrangement be agreeable to the proprietor of the paper, the members of the Synod will cordially endeavor to increase its circulation.

Your Committee have considered whether, while the *Christian Intelligencer* is circulating among the mass of our people, another paper in another form, not *antagonistical*, but pursuing the same good end in another mode, *might not be introduced* to great advantage, i. e., a monthly

magazine or review, which might obtain circulation among the ministers and more educated members of our churches.

To establish such a periodical, in an age so fruitful of reviews and other productions of a similar kind, might be rather difficult and hazardous. But here, too, we have one ready to our hand, and which may easily be made the child of our adoption; we refer to the *Protestant Review*, so ably conducted by one who has recently become one of us, we believe in heart and soul—we mean the Rev. Dr. Berg, recently of the German Reformed Church.

We might use it as another vigorous arm of defense, against the errors that in so many different forms assail the Church of Jesus Christ.

We might employ it as affording additional security and strength, if that be possible, to "the Gibraltar of the Reformation." It would be a delightful and cheering manifestation of confidence on our part toward one who richly deserves it, and who promises to be, under God, a most valuable acquisition to a Church beloved of us all.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the *Protestant Review*, edited by the Rev. Dr. J. F. Berg, of Philadelphia, and pastor of the Second Reformed Dutch Church of that city, be commended to the consideration and patronage of the ministers of our churches, and of all others who take an interest in that species of sacred literature.

In behalf of the Committee.

GABRIEL LUDLOW, *Chairman.*

Rev. Dr. Pomeroy, one of the Secretaries of the A. B. C. F. M., and the Rev. Mr. Pinney, Secretary of the American Colonization Society, addressed the Synod on the eighth day of the session, in relation to the operations of the respective Societies which they represent. Whereupon the following resolutions were presented and adopted:

Resolved, That this General Synod welcome with warm Christian regard the Rev. Joseph C. Stiles, Secretary of the American Bible Society; that they have heard with much pleasure his eloquent address on the claims of this Society; that they heartily concur with him in his Christian zeal for this cause, and earnestly recommend to all their churches to give their diligent coöperations to this Society in their prayers, their labors, and their generous collections for the distribution of the Word of God both in our own country and abroad.

Resolved, That it affords the General Synod high gratification to receive the Rev. Dr. Pomeroy, the Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M. They have heard with deep interest his statements in regard to the fields of operation and the present condition of that Board; and earnestly recommend this great cause itself, and that Board through which our own Foreign Missionary work is carried on, to the prayers and cordial and most efficient coöperative aid of all the ministers and churches of our denomination.

Resolved, That the Synod have had high gratification in listening to the statements and arguments of the Rev. Mr. Pinney on behalf of the American Colonization Society, and earnestly commend the cause of that wise and beneficent Society to the prayers and gifts of the Reformed Dutch churches.

Resolved, That the churches be respectfully recommended to take a collection in aid of said Society on the 4th of July.

ARTICLE XXII.

PASTORAL LETTER.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ACCOUNTS.

A bill from Erastus H. Pease & Co., amounting to $2.75, was presented, *and referred to the* Committee on Accounts.

The Committee on Accounts reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Accounts respectfully report:

That there have been referred to them a bill amounting to $2.75 for packing and carting three boxes of books by Mr. Pease, in July, 1851; a bill amounting to $4 for printing tickets of nomination; and the door-keeper's bill, amounting to $13.60; all which they recommend to be paid.

Respectfully submitted.

A. B. CHITTENDON, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish 1100 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be presented to the families of this city who have entertained the members of this body, for their very generous and cordial hospitality.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be presented to the Minister and Consistory of the First Reformed Dutch Church of Williamsburgh, for the use of their church and consistory room during this session.

THE

CTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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OF THE

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in North America, convened in the City of Philadelphia, on Wednesday, the first day of June, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three. The Session continued from the First to the Ninth day of June, inclusive.

Formation of Synod.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Gustavus Abeel, D.D., the President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from John xvii. 16: "*They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

From the Particular Synod of New-York.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*—Rev. William R. Gordon, C. C. Van Arsdale, D.D.,(*d*) James B. Hardenburgh, D.D. *Elders*—Abraham Van Nest, William Woram,† William S. Ross.(*d*)

2. *From the South Classis of New-York.*—Rev. John B. Steele,

† Took his seat on the second day of the session.
(*d*) Took his seat on the sixth day of the session.

Philip M. Brett,(*h*) James M. Matthews, D.D.(*a*) *Elder*—Daniel I
Hitchcock.(*h*)

3. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*—Rev. William Reiley, J. I
M. Knox, Jacob C. Sears.† *Elders*—Edward F. Stuart, Simon Wyckof
William Statesir.(*f*)

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*—Rev. Alexander W. McClure, Jame
McFarlane, William J. R. Taylor. *Elder*—Peter D. Vroom.(*f*)

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*—Rev. Isaac D. Cole, Jacob Wes
John Manley.

6. *From the South Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. Thomas M
Strong, D.D., Maurice W. Dwight, D.D. *Elders*—Henry S. Ditmas,(
Theodore Polhemus, John Carpenter.(*g*)

7. *From the North Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. Thomas C. Strong
Elbert S. Porter, John S. Himrod.(*d*) *Elders*—Daniel Lente,* Samu
Groves, Nicholas Wyckoff. (*d*)

8. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. A. M. Mann,†* Willia

13. *From the Classis of Westchester.*—Rev. Abel T. Stewart, John L. See,† John H. Bevier. *Elder*—James M. Prescott.

From the Particular Synod of Albany.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*—Rev. Duncan Kennedy, D.D., John A. Lansing. *Elder*—Stephen Van Rensselaer.

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*—Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord, Cornelius Wyckoff, and Martin L. Schenck. *Elders*—Luther Laflin,(*g*) David Van Aken, (*g*) John G. Hardenbergh.

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*—Rev. Edward P. Stimson, Elbert Nevius,† Richard H. Steele. *Elders*—Philip T. Harder, Bartholomew Van Buren.†

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*—Rev. Joseph Parry, Jacob D. Fonda,(*g*) and Uriah Marvin.†

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery*—Rev. William D. Buckelew, Nathan F. Chapman, John C. Van Liew.† *Elders*—William Knox, James C. Van Vost.

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*—Rev. Ransford Wells, D.D.,(*h*) Samuel Lockwood.

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*—Rev. N. D. Williamson, Lawrence H. Van Dyke, A. H. Myers.

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*—Rev. James Romeyn Berry,(*g*) Anson Dubois.

9. *From the Classis of Orange.*—Rev. Samuel W. Mills, Charles Scott. *Elder*—Peter B. Cromwell.

10. *From the Classis of Greene.*—Rev. John Steele, Charles A. Evans.(*g*) *Elders*—Liberty Preston, R. H. Gleason (*e*)

11. *From the Classis of Michigan.*

12. *From the Classis of Watervliet.*—Rev. Theodore F. Wyckoff, John J. Quick, William Pitcher.† *Elders*—Clarkson Crosby, Abraham Fonda

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† Took his seat on the second day of the session.

(*g*) Obtained leave of absence on the seventh day of the session.

(*h*) Obtained leave of absence on the eighth day of the session.

(*e*) *Obtained leave of absence on the sixth day of the session.*

13. *From the Classis of Geneva.*—Rev. Benjamin Bassler.

14. *From the Classis of Holland.*—Rev. A. C. Van Raalte.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. Duncan Kennedy, D.D., was chosen *President;* the Rev. Joseph F. Berg, D.D., *Adsessor;* and the Rev. Messrs. Thomas C. Strong and William J. R. Taylor, *Clerks pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last ordinary session of the General Synod were read.

Acts of the Synod.

ARTICLE I.

ORDERS AND RULES.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On the Professorate.—Rev. Ransford Wells, Philip M. Brett, Alexander M. Mann; and the Elders, Abraham Van Nest and Stephen Van Rensselaer.

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. William Reiley, John A. Lansing, N. D. Williamson; and the Elders, John Carpenter and Philip T. Harder.

On Missions.—Rev. Maurice W. Dwight, A. C. Van Raalte, William J. R. Taylor; and the Elders, Henry S. Ditmas and Luther Laflin.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord, Abel T. Stewart, Samuel W. Mills; and the Elders, Daniel Lente and William Knox.

On Accounts.—Rev. Jacob West, Jacob N. Voorhees, Richard Steele; and the Elders, Levi Van Vleet and George P. Philip.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Rev. Elbert S. Porter, Leonard H. Van Dyck, Benjamin Bassler; and the Elders, John H. Rosa and John G. Hardenbergh.

On Correspondence.—Rev. Thomas M. Strong, Theodore F. Wyckoff, James H. M. Knox; and the Elders, Samuel Groves and Clarkson F. Crosby.

ucation.—Rev. James M. Matthews,* William H. Ten Eyck,

* The Rev. J. M. Matthews having obtained leave of absence on the sixth day of the session, the Rev. *Jacob C. Sears* was appointed in his place as a member of the *Committee on Education.*

Alexander W. M'Clure; and the Elders, Liberty Preston and James Peters.

On Nominations.—Rev. Edward P. Stimson, Thomas C. Strong, John Steele; and the Elders, Theodore Polhemus, Edward F. Stuart.

On the Widows' Fund.—Rev. John B. Steele, Abraham H. Myers, John H. Bevier; and the Elders, Simon Wyckoff and Peter B. Cromwell.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, which, having been read, was referred to the Committee on the Professorate :—

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary convened in the Theological Hall at New-Brunswick, on Tuesday, July 20th, 1852, at 11 o'clock A.M.

The President, Rev. Dr. Ferris, took the chair, and opened the meeting with prayer.

Of the Middle Class.

Joachim Elmendorf,	William G. See,	John L. McNair,
Stephen Searle,	Joseph H. Kershow,	Nathan W. Jones.

Of the Senior Class.

John Gaston,	Joseph A. Collier,	A. P. Van Gieson.
Isaac M. See,	Robert D. Julian,	

The Theological Faculty report that Jesse D. Fonda, of the Junior Class, has left the institution, professedly on account of ill health. The Faculty also report that the number of students for the past year has been somewhat less than on some previous years; and they bear their usual good testimony to the Christian deportment of the students.

The following young gentlemen presented the usual testimonials from their respective Classes, and, after due examination, were recommended to receive the patronage of the Church from the education funds, viz.: James H. Ballagh, Alvan Ostrom, George H. Peck, John A. Debaun, John H. Suydam, John G. Low, George W. Knieskern, Isaac Collier, and Albert V. Gulick.

The students of the several classes were examined by the Professors in the various studies pursued in the institution, (excepting those in Rev. Dr. Cannon's department, excused by reason of his protracted indisposition.) The Senior Class was also examined on the evidences of personal piety and their views in entering the ministry, and exhibited specimens of sermonizing and preaching. In view of which, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the examination be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Professors for the usual certificate.

The seats of the following members will become vacant at the time of the next meeting of the General Synod:

Rev. John Knox, D.D.,	*of the Classis of*	*New-York.*
" William Reiley,	" "	*New-Brunswick.*
" John H. Duryea,	" "	*Paramus.*
" Nicholas E. Smith,	"	*North Classis of Long Island.*
" Cornelius S. Van Santvoord,	*of the Classis of*	*Ulster.*
" Benjamin Van Zandt,	" "	*Rensselaer.*

The annual sermon was preached before the Board on the evening of the first day of the session, from 1 Cor. iii. 9. The annual address to the students was delivered on the afternoon of the second day, by Rev. C. S. Van Santvoord.

In the review of the year, the Board take peculiar pleasure to bear their unequivocal testimony to the eminent ability and thoroughness of the Theological Professors. And in view of the fact, that the Professor elect has signified *his acceptance* of the appointment of the General *Synod to the vacant professorship*, together with the pleasant prospect

a considerable accession of students at the opening of the next theological year, the Board would congratulate the General Synod upon the manifest and continued favor of the Great Head of the Church towards this sacred institution. This congratulation is not unmingled, however, with a deep and cherished sympathy for the aged and venerable Professor, whose praise is in all the churches, and whose earthly career seems drawing near its close.

ISAAC N. WYCKOFF, *President.*

A true copy.

DAVID D. DEMAREST, *Stated Clerk.*

New-Brunswick, July 20th, 1852.

A communication was received from the Trustees of the First Reformed Dutch Church of Philadelphia, tendering to the Synod the use of their church edifice and lecture-room, during this session.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be returned to the Trustees of the First Reformed Dutch Church for their kind offer, but that the Synod prefer to continue their sessions in the Third Reformed Dutch Church.

Reports were received from the Classes of New-York, Bergen, Paramus, Philadelphia, Greene, Orange, South Classis of New-York, South

language; which was referred to the Special Committee on the Hymn Book. (Art. VII.)

A communication was received from the Rev. John Garretson, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, in relation to the Academy among the Hollanders; which was referred to the Committee on Education.

A communication was received from Mr. Samuel B. Schieflin, on the subject of Parochial Schools, which was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF CORPORATION.

The following report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation was received, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, the Annual Digest, a list of the securities held by the Board, a list of the endowed scholarships, a list of the clerical subscribers to the Widows' Fund, and accounts current of said Board with the Widows' Fund and the Board of Education, and the report of Peter Spader, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, in relation to the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds:—

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church:

The Board of Direction respectfully report: That since their appointment they have met from time to time, as the interests intrusted to them have required, and given to those interests their best attention.

The finances of Synod may be regarded as in a satisfactory condition; although some of the subscriptions towards the endowment of the third professorship still remain unpaid. The invested funds of Synod are well secured, the interest on them has been regularly received, and the liabilities of Synod have been punctually discharged and paid.

The dwelling-house in the west end of Rutgers College, occupied by Professor Ludlow, has been put in repair under the direction of the President of this Board and Peter Spader, Esq., of New-Brunswick, at an expense of $371 41.

By an Act of the Legislature of the State of New-Jersey, the shares of stock of the Bergen Turnpike Company (belonging to the General Synod and the Trustees of Rutgers College) have been reduced from $25 to $10 per share.

Two hundred dollars has been received from the estate of the widow of the late Moses Cowan, Esq., for the benefit, in equal proportions, of our Foreign and Domestic Missionary Boards, and paid into the treasuries of these Boards respectively.

The Treasurer's account, herewith submitted, furnishes a full and clear statement of the financial affairs of the Synod, in their several departments and various details.

During the year, $2,000 were paid into the Treasury of the Synod by

Theodore Cuyler, Esq., of Philadelphia, for the endowment of a scholarship in the Theological College of our Church, to be named "The Cuyler Scholarship," in memory of his father, the late Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler, D.D.; the right of nominating the beneficiary to be vested in the Rev. Thomas De Witt, D.D. This act was of a character so pleasant to the minds of your Board, that they placed on their records the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That this Board accepts the above-mentioned amount of two thousand dollars, paid by Theodore Cuyler, Esq., for the endowment of a scholarship to be called 'The Cuyler Scholarship,' with peculiarly grateful emotions; because of the large liberality of their young friend, and the testimony it affords of filial piety and affection towards a parent, long a successful, able, and honored minister of the Reformed Dutch Church."

There are now seventeen productive scholarships, the interest of which is punctually paid, as received, to the Treasurer of the Board of Education; there is also one scholarship in process of accumulation, and two thousand dollars has been received by the Treasurer for the endowment of another, yet to be named.

The Relief Fund still increases slowly, notwithstanding that its influence is most benign. The Board again earnestly commend it to the cherishing care of Synod. The present amount of the fund is $11,750. The

Board, feeling a deep anxiety that our books should be furnished to the churches at the cheapest rate, have asked from the former publisher a definite statement of terms the most advantageous to Synod, upon which he is willing hereafter to furnish them. They have also asked from a responsible printer of New-York, proposals of a like kind. The result is, that the terms of the present publisher are, upon the whole, the more favorable of the two, and are a material reduction on former rates.

The Synod are therefore recommended to authorize a contract with Mr. Mentz, for a period of five years, upon the terms proposed by him, which terms are hereby submitted to the inspection of the Synod.

The reduction of prices to take place on and after the first of July next.

The President of the Board, Abraham Van Nest, Esq., and the Rev. Dr. Knox, are appointed to give the Synod any additional information that may be required.

Respectfully submitted.

ABM. VAN NEST, *President.*
ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*
JOHN KNOX,
W. B. CROSBY,
FRED. FRELINGHUYSEN. } *Directors.*

New-York, May 27th, 1853.

So much of the above report and accompanying documents as relates to the Widows' Fund was referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund; so much as relates to the Board of Education, to the Committee on Education; and the residue to the Committee on the Professorate.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in Account with ISAAC YOUNG, *their Treasurer.*

1852.		Dr.		$	¢
June	2	Cash paid Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,		392	75
	"	" " Rev. Dr. Campbell, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,		437	50
	8	" " Isaac Young, Treasurer of General Synod, one year's salary, due 10th inst.,	$250 00		
		postage, discount, &c.,	1 63		
		and for management of the Widows' Fund.,	150 00		
		postage, discount, &c.,	24		
				401	87

2.		Dr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward,.....	9,245	74
ly	19	Cash paid John A. Gray, for printing Minutes of General Synod for session of 1852, paper, binding, &c.,.....	181	83
	29	" " Ezra W. Collier, the successful competitor for the Van Doren Prize Essay on Missions, for the year 1852,.....	50	00
ust	2	" " Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, sundry bills for repairs to that part of Rutgers College occupied by him, (per order of General Synod in June last,).....	304	60
	3	" " Hugh Tolan, Janitor of Rutgers College, six months' salary, due 16th July last,.....	50	00
	9	" " Abraham B. Mead, loaned him on his bond and mortgage, dated 7th inst., payable in one year from date, with interest at seven per cent. per annum.....	1,000	00
pt.	2	" " Rev. Dr. Campbell, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	437	50
	3	" " Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	393	75
	27	" " Peter Spader, the expenses of removing the household furniture of Rev. Dr. Ludlow from Phildelphia to New-Brunswick, (per order of General Synod,).....	131	62
er	2	" " Rev. Ransford Wells, D.D., his travelling expenses to New-Brunswick, to attend the inauguration of Rev. Dr. Ludlow as Professor in the Theological College, (per order of General Synod,).....	9	01
	"	" " Rev. William V. V. Mabon, his travelling expenses incurred in attending a meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary for the reception of students, 1st inst.,.....	1	50
	18	" " Rev. David D. Demarest, Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, his salary for one year, due 15th July last..... $10 00 incidental expenses, &c.,..... 4 50	14	50
	21	" " the travelling expenses of the Delegates of General Synod to the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, held at Baltimore, 14th inst., viz.: " " Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord,..... $21 00 " Brogun Hoff,..... 20 00	41	00
v.	1	" " Peter Cortelyou, executor, &c., of Rev. James S. Cannon, D.D., in full payment of his salary as Professor in the Theological College, up to the time of his decease, (See Minutes of June last, page 272,)...	262	50
		Carried forward,.....	12,123	55

1852.		Dr.		
		Brought forward,		1
Nov.	1	Cash paid the following persons, their annuities out of the income of the Widows' Fund for the last six months, due this day, viz.:		
		Lydia M. W. Sluyter,	$70 00	
		Catherine E. Van Wagenen,	70 00	
		Maria Rudy,	52 50	
		Jane Hunt,	26 25	
		Rev. William C. Brownlee, D.D.,	70 00	
		" Samuel Harlow,	35 00	
		" Jacob A. Lansing,	52 50	
		Harriet V. V. Mabon,	70 00	
	13	" " Peter Spader, Treasurer Rutgers College, two years' interest on Henry Rutgers' donation of $5,000 to said College, due 20th June last,	$600 00	
		dividends on ten shares Bergen Turnpike Stock belonging to said College,	14 00	
		" " Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., one half of the salary of the Librarian of Rutgers College for one year, ending 1st April next,	$50 00	
		and for fuel for the College, for the current year,	20 00	

1852.		Dr.	$	Cts.
		Brought forward,	21,292	67
Dec.	24	Company, for $100 each, transferred to the Treasurer of General Synod, at 30½ per cent. advance, to be added to the fifty shares in that institution,	391	50
1853. January	10	Cash paid Rev. Stephen H. Meeker, paid by him into the Widows' Fund, and now withdrawn,	100	00
	11	" " Premium of insurance on $8,000, for one year, on Rutgers College,	48	00
	20	" " Hugh Tolan, Janitor of Rutgers College, six months' salary, due 16th inst.,	50	00
Feb.	23	" " John A. Manley, for repairs of that part of Rutgers College occupied by Rev. Dr. Ludlow, (per order of the Board of Direction,)	212	54
March	8	" " Rev. Dr. Campbell, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,	437	50
	7	" " Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,	393	75
		" " Rev. Dr. Ludlow, one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,	393	75
	22	" " B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer, &c., balance of six months' interest on the invested scholarships in the Theological College, due 4th December last,	578	80
May	2	" " the following persons, their annuities out of the income of the Widows' Fund for the last six months, due yesterday, viz.:		
		Lydia M. W. Sluyter, $70 00		
		Catherine E. Van Wagenen 70 00		
		Maria Rudy 52 50		
		Jane Hunt, 26 25		
		Rev. William C. Brownlee, D.D., 70 00		
		" Samuel Harlow, 35 00		
		" Jacob A. Lansing, 52 50		
		Harriet V. V. Mabon, 70 00		
			446	25
	12	" " John S. Bussing, Treasurer, &c., of the Board of Domestic Missions, this amount, bequeathed by Mrs. Elizabeth Cowan, deceased, to General Synod, to be applied to the support and maintenance of the Domestic Missionary operations of the Reformed Dutch Church	100	00
	"	" " Charles S. Little, Treasurer, &c., of the Board of Foreign Missions, this amount, bequeathed by Mrs. Elizabeth Cowan, deceased, to General Synod, to be applied to the support and maintenance of the Foreign Missionary operations of the Reformed Dutch Church	100	00
1852. July	22	" " the following clergymen, their travelling expenses incurred in attending the meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the		
		Carried forward,	24,544	78

1852.		Dr.			$
		Brought forward,			24
		Theological College, held at New-Brunswick, 20th inst., viz.:			
July	22	Cash paid Rev. Benjamin Van Zandt,	$8	25	
		" S. Van Vechten,	3	75	
		" N. E. Smith,	2	50	
		" J. G. Johnson,	6	50	
		" J. C. Cruikshank,	2	25	
		" C. Van Santvoord,	8	50	
		" J. M. Van Buren,	10	00	
		" S. W. Mills,	7	50	
		" Ransford Wells, D.D.,	14	28	
		" William Reiley and Committee,	5	50	
		" Henry Morris,	6	77	
		" Isaac Ferris, D.D.,	4	00	
		" Oscar H. Gregory,	8	00	
		" William V. V. Mabon,	2	00	
		" Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D., 1851–2,	14	25	
		" John Van Liew, (twice,)	4	00	
		" John H. Duryea,	3	00	
1853. May		To Balance in Bank to credit of General Synod,	$22,923	97	
		Cash on hand	3	00	22
					47

1853.		Cr.	$	cts.
une	1	Balance brought from last account,	9,263	97
	2	By cash received, balance of collection in the Reformed Dutch Church, Market street, New-York, for the Widows' Fund, after deducting Pastor's subscription,	32	16
	3	" " of "A Friend to the Church," per Rev. Dr. Knox, being a donation to the Widows' Fund,	250	00
		" " one year's interest on bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Church, for $26,000,	1,560	00
		" " six months' interest on bond for $5,000, due 1st May,	175	00
	5	" " fourteen days' interest on $6,000, part of a bond,	16	11
	12	" " of Adrian Cortelyou, in full payment of his subscription to the Permanent Fund of General Synod,	250	00
	14	" " of Rev. William H. Van Doren, one year's interest on the Missionary Prize Essay bond given by him	50	00
	25	" " six months' interest on bond for $4,000, due 4th inst.,	120	00
uly	16	" " six months' interest on bond for $6,000, due 21st May,	210	00
ug.	3	" " six months' interest on bond for $3,500, due 31st July,	105	00
	12	" " collected in the Reformed Dutch Church, Wayne street, Jersey City, for the Widows' Fund,	18	93
	24	" " six months' interest on bond for $1,000, due 13th inst.,	30	00
		" " collected in the Reformed Dutch Church in New-Utrecht, for the Widows' Fund,	7	00
ept.	2	" " six months' interest on bond for $3,500, due 1st inst.,	105	00
	18	" " eight months and 23 days' interest on bond for $5,750, to 1st inst.,	293	20
ct.	9	" " six months' interest on bond for $8,500, due 3d inst.,	297	50
	11	" " six months' interest on bond for $4,000, due 16th inst.,	140	00
	15	" " six months' interest on bonds for $3,500, due 16th inst.,	122	50
		" " of David Jacobus, in full payment of his bond to General Synod,	2,000	00
	16	" " six months' interest on bond for $4,000, due this day,	140	00
		" " six months' interest on bond for $4,000, due this day,	140	00
	26	" " of "a member of the North Dutch Church at Albany," per John S. Bussing, a donation to the Widows' Fund,	20	00
ov.	1	" " six months' interest on bond for $6,000, due this day,	180	00
		Carried forward,	15,525	37

1852.		Cr.	
		Brought forward,	1
Nov	1	By cash received, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Six Mile Run, N. J., for the Widows' Fund,	
		" " six months' interest on bond for $2,800, due 27th October last,	
	4	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,500, due 26th October last,	
	5	" " six months' interest on bond for $5,000, due 1st inst.,	
	6	" " six months' interest on bonds for $11,000, due this day,	
	17	" " six months' interest on bond for $5,000, due 1st inst.,	
	22	" " six months' interest on bond for $4,000, due this day,	
	23	" " of John B. Dunham, in full payment of his bond to General Synod,	
		" " seven months' interest on the same, due this day,	
Dec.	2	" " six months' interest on bond for $6,000, due 21st November last,	
	4	" " of B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer of the Board of Education, this amount, paid by Theodore Cuyler, Esq., of Philadelphia, for the endowment of a scholarship in the Theological College at New-Brunswick,	

53.		Cr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward,	22,541	79
eb.	1	By cash received, six months' interest on bond for $3,500, due yesterday,	105	00
	14	" " six months' interest on bond for $1,000, due 13th	30	00
	15	" " eight months and five days' interest on bond for $6,000, due this day,	245	00
	17	" " one year's interest on two bonds for $1,000 each, due 1st December last,	140	00
rch	1	" " six months' interest on bond for $5,750, due this day,	201	25
	2	" " collected in the Third Reformed Dutch Church, Jersey City, for the Widows' Fund,	15	50
	7	" " collected in the Reformed Dutch Church, Bergen, for the Widows' Fund,	35	00
	9	" " six months' interest on bond for $3,500, due 1st inst,	122	50
	17	" " six months' interest on bond for $4,000, due 16th April next,	140	00
	22	" " balance of collection in the First Reformed Dutch Church, Newark, for the Widows' Fund, after deducting Pastor's subscription,	29	00
	30	" " of James S. Lowrie, executor, &c., of Elizabeth Cowan, deceased, this amount, bequeathed by her to General Synod, one half to be applied to the maintenance and support of the Domestic, and the other half to the maintenance and support of the Foreign Missionary operations of the Reformed Dutch Church,	200	00
pril	7	" " of B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer Board of Education, to be invested for educational purposes,	2,000	00
	13	" " on account of principal of John B. Dingledean's bond for $4,000, per Conrad Rose, $2,000		
		" " six months' interest on the above bond, due 16th inst., $140	2,140	00
	21	" " collected in the Reformed Dutch Church, Montville, for the Widows' Fund, $14 10		
		" " collected in the Reformed Dutch Church, Pompton, for the Widows' Fund, $20 51	34	61
May	2	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,800, due 27th April last,	98	00
	"	" " six months interest on bond for $6,000, due 1st inst.,	210	00
	"	" " six months' interest on bond for $5,000, due 1st inst.,	150	00
	3	" " of Thomas Austin, in full payment of his bond to General Synod,	6,000	00
		Carried *forward*,	34,437	65

1853.		Cr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward,	34,437	65
May	2	By cash received, three months and fifteen days' interest on the same, to 1st June next,	105	00
		" " one year's interest on bond for $2,000, due 1st April, belonging to the Professoral Fund,	120	00
	5	" " fifteen days' interest on $2,000, part of a bond paid off,	5	83
	6	" " six months' interest on bond for $4,000, due 16th April last,	140	00
		" " six months' interest on bonds for $11,000, due this day,	385	00
	11	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,500, due 26th April,	87	50
	12	" " of Rev. William H. Campbell, D.D., this amount, the unexpended balance of $400, an appropriation made by General Synod in June, 1851, to supply a deficiency of exegetical books, &c., in the lecture-room of Rutgers College,	203	18
	17	" " of Miss Emma Jones, per Rev. A. Chapman, a donation to the Widows' Fund,	1	25
	18	" " six months' interest on three bonds, amounting to $8,900,	267	00
	19	" " of Abraham B. Mead, in full payment of the		

1853.		Cr.		$	cts.
		Brought forward,		46,556	41
June	3	By cash received of Classis of Philadelphia for 1851 and 1852,	$28 00		
		Church at Glenville,	20 00		
		" Wynantskill,	2 69		
		" English Neighborhood,	5 00		
		" in Market street, New-York,	29 54		
				85	23
		" " of the following Classes, for Minutes of General Synod, viz.:			
		Classis of Philadelphia,	$20 50		
		" Albany,	5 00		
		" Poughkeepsie,	21 50		
		" Watervliet,	2 81		
		" Rensselaer,	19 00		
		" Paramus,	12 00		
		South Classis of New-York,	12 50		
		Classis of Passaic,	5 25		
		" Bergen,	18 00		
		" New-York,	26 00		
		North Classis of Long Island,	46 06		
		Classis of Greene,	29 00		
		" New-Brunswick,	25 00		
		" Illinois,	2 00		
		" Hudson,	3 13		
		South Classis of Long Island,	9 00		
		Copies sold,	87		
				257	62
		" " of the following clergymen, their annual payments to the Widows' Fund, viz.:—			
		Rev. Isaac Ferris, D.D.,	$20 00		
		" John M. Van Buren,	20 00		
		" David A. Jones,	20 00		
		" John H. Pitcher,	20 00		
		" R. W. Knight,	20 00		
		" Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D.,	20 00		
		" William W. Halloway and interest,	21 50		
		" R. Ormiston Currie, D.D.,	20 00		
		" Benjamin Bassler,	20 00		
		" John L. See,	20 00		
		" Charles Jukes,	20 00		
		" Peter J. Quick,	20 00		
		" Charles S. Hegeman,	20 00		
		" William S. Heyer,	20 00		
		" Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D.,	20 00		
		" Nicholas E. Smith,	20 00		
		" Stephen H. Meeker and interest,	21 00		
		" Richard N. Steele,	20 00		
		" Samuel M. Woodbridge,	20 00		
		" James Scott, D.D.,	20 00		
		" Thomas B. Gregory,	20 00		
		" Elbert S. Porter,	20 00		
		Carried *forward*,	$442 50	46,899	26

1852.		Cr.			$	cts.
June	3	Brought forward,	$442	50	$46,899	26
		" James B. Hardenbergh, D.D., and interest,	41	02		
		" Garret L. Roof,	20	00		
		" Henry A. Raymond,	20	00		
		" Isaac S. Demund,	20	00		
		" Enoch Van Aken,	20	00		
		" John Gray,	20	00		
		" Cornelius L. Van Dyck,	20	00		
		" Ira C. Boice,	20	00		
		" Cornelius Wyckoff,	20	00		
		" Eben S. Hammond,	20	00		
		" Nicholas D. Williamson,	20	00		
					683	52
					47,582	78
		By balance carried to new account,			22,926	97

[Errors excepted.] ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

The subscribers, appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, have examined the same, with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance due to General Synod of twenty-two thousand nine hundred and twenty-six dollars and ninety-seven cents.

ABM. VAN NEST, W. B. CROSBY, } *Committee.*

New-York, May 27th, 1853.

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of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest,

Funds Devoted to Education.

THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

eported by Peter Spader, Treasurer of Rutgers College, h is loaned upon bonds secured by mortgages upon in the State of New-Jersey, &c., amounted, on the 1st 3, to	$20,313 57
hands, 1st April, 1853,	2,661 11
ne Fund, due 1st May, 1853,	1,405 67
ı paid to indigent students, out of the interest of this ing the past year,	960 00

LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

of this Fund, which is loaned upon bond secured by on property in the State of New-Jersey, is	$2,000 00
ı this Fund, 1st May, 1853,	129 00
hands of Peter Spader, Treasurer, 1st April, 1853,	153 11

Education Fund.

oneys invested by the Board of Direction, on bonds y mortgages, for education purposes,	$35,085 00
ncipal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod, 1853,	2,145 30
erest in his hands on that day,	541 93

Widows' Fund.

oneys invested by the Board of Direction, on bonds y mortgages, for the Widows' Fund,	$11,750 00
ncipal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod,	1,302 24
n paid to annuitants, out of the income of the Fund, s past year, arising from interest on the Fund and pay- subscribers thereto,	892 50

Permanent Professoral Fund.

ıd are included all the moneys which have been col- l invested on the subscriptions for the Professorships, as *e moneys formerly in the* hands of the Trustees of Rut- *ge, viz.:—*

Loaned by the Board of Direction, secured by bonds and mortgages of real estate, (except three bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Church, New-York, which are not accompanied by mortgages,)		$67,815 00
Balance of the Professoral Fund, formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, and transferred to General Synod, as per account of Peter Spader, Agent, &c., on the 1st May, 1853, which is loaned on bond secured by mortgage on property in the State of New-Jersey,		2,000 00
Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at		230 00
Amount of unpaid subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod,	$13,450 00	
Deduct this amount, which the Board believe cannot be collected,	5,750 00	
Leaving subscriptions supposed to be good,		$7,700 00

Board of Domestic Missions.

There has been invested for this Board, on bond secured by mortgage,	$250 00

Minutes of General Synod.

There has been received for Minutes of General Synod, during the past year,	$257 62
And there has been paid for printing Minutes, paper, &c.,	181 65
Balance in Bank to the credit of General Synod,	$22,926 97

$20,552 of this amount belongs to principal, to be invested.

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

. Henry Harbaurgh and Samuel R. Fisher, D.D., of the Ger-
ned Church, appeared in Synod, and having produced testi-
heir appointment, took their seats as Corresponding Delegates
nod of the German Reformed Church. On taking their seats,
es laid on the table of Synod several copies of the Minutes of
ion of the German Reformed Synod.
wing report was received from the Delegates appointed to the
g of the Synod of the German Reformed Church, which was
the Committee on Correspondence:—

e Delegates to the German Reformed Church:

ersigned delegates to the Synod of the German Reformed
uld present the following report:—
ended the meeting of the German Synod, held at Baltimore
f October, 1852, and were present at its proceedings during
s of the session. They were received with great courtesy and
y the Synod; found the deliberations of the body characterized
, dignity, and harmony; were gratified to hear the encour-
ments made concerning the good measure of success which
d the efforts of that branch of the Christian Church to spread
saving knowledge of Christ and him crucified, bring back
ep into the Good Shepherd's fold, and widen and strengthen
n of our Heavenly Master and Lord. It was pleasant to your
hear on the floor of Synod, in the course of proceeding or
m protestations of attachment to the standards of a faith which
common with them, and determinations expressed to labor, in
God and his grace, with renewed earnestness and vigor, to
great objects for which the "truth as it is in Jesus" has been
d given. Your delegates found it refreshing indeed to unite
ethren in their devotional exercises, and in commemorating the
ath of "one Lord," in and through whom we have "one bap-
"one faith," and one hope of a crown of righteousness that
away. The sentiments of regard for the interests, and of desire
ce and prosperity of this body, expressed by your delegates,
t to take their departure, were warmly reciprocated, by the
ugh its presiding officer.
egates should not omit to mention, that they brought to the
he German Synod the action of our own Synod at its last
uching the reduction in the number of the delegation hitherto
has caused no corresponding change as yet in their delega-
mber remaining, by resolution of their Synod, the same as
In reference to this action by our Synod, and also in refer-
report made by our delegates to the German Synod in 1851,
mmittee was appointed. From the report of this committee

it appears that the report of our delegates in 1851 is regarded as containing erroneous and injurious statements, and that the adoption of the report by our Synod is looked upon by the German Synod as an endorsement of the alleged wrong statements, and "a violation of the principles of Christian courtesy and charity;" and that they look to the Synod for "proper acknowledgments and amendments." Your delegates do not feel called upon to express any opinion in regard to this alleged subject of complaint. They conceive their duty to be discharged by simply reporting the action of the German Synod in this matter, leaving it for this Synod to take such steps in regard to it as its wisdom may deem suitable and proper.

Respectfully submitted.

BROGUN HOFF.
C. VAN SANTVOORD.

The following report was received from the Delegate appointed to attend the last meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The delegate appointed by General Synod to attend the sessions of the General Assembly to be held in the city of Philadelphia, May 19, 1853, begs leave to report:

That, in the good providence of God, he was privileged to be present at the opening of the Assembly, and to attend its sessions for several days. He was very kindly and cordially received, and takes great plea-

this Synod at their session in the city of Williamsburg, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was accepted, *unanimously* adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Correspondence would respectfully report:

That no copy of the last printed Minutes of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church has been put into their hands. They have, however, learned from the report of the delegate of our Synod to that venerable body, that the interests of this branch of the Church of Christ are in a prosperous condition. The spirit of harmony and peace prevails within their bounds; their institutions of science and theology are flourishing, and they are prosecuting their various measures for the spread of the truth and kingdom of our common Lord with their ordinary vigor and zeal. And your Committee rejoice to find that the blessing of the great Head of the Church is resting in no ordinary degree upon their efforts.

From the minutes of the Synod of the German Reformed Church your Committee learn that that branch of the visible kingdom of Christ are engaged with becoming interest to advance the various causes of benevolence and of religious progress. While a goodly number of students are in attendance upon their Theological Seminary, a new location has been obtained for their literary College, which has commenced its operations with flattering prospects. A spirit of liberality in promoting the great causes of missions and education is manifested, and seems to be increasing among their people.

It appears, however, from the report of a Committee to whom was referred the Minutes of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, that they feel aggrieved at the report presented by the delegates from this Synod to the meeting of their Synod held in the month of October, 1851, and by the action of the General Synod thereon. The Committee declare that, "with a single exception," the report of our delegates "does not contain a single statement in accordance with actual facts." This is a very grave and sweeping charge. An attempt is made to sustain it by quite a long course of remark. On the other hand, in the reply of the delegates from this Synod, they reiterate the main facts as contained in their report to the Synod, and affirm them to be true; while they adduce evidence to show that they could not have been mistaken in relation thereto. Your Committee do not feel themselves obliged to enter upon any enlarged statement or inquiry into the matters of alleged difference in this case. They cannot, however, but think that, while the brethren of the German Reformed Synod regard the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, in their action on the report of their delegates, as "violating the principles of Christian courtesy and charity," the expressions and implications contained in the report of their own committee, adopted by them, are a far greater violation of these "principles." The Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, by their appointment of these delegates and by their action on their report, have shown their entire confidence in the *integrity of* these brethren, and your Committee have *seen nothing calculated in* any degree to weaken this confidence, either

in their character or statements of facts. If, however, as it now appears, the plan of correspondence between the two churches as now maintained may be the occasion of offense—may infringe upon the "principles of Christian courtesy," and tend in some degree to alienate brethren from each other, (an issue entirely at variance with the spirit and design of such correspondence,) it may be advisable to suspend, if not abandon it.

But, in the providence of God, there is a still higher cause for the adoption of such a course. The Synod of the German Reformed Church complain of the action of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, inasmuch as it contains an intimation that they have departed from the faith once delivered to the saints. The particular points referred to are those which may be characterized as having a Romanizing tendency. It is known by all who are conversant with the events of the day, that certain most objectionable and erroneous doctrines and sentiments have been advocated and propagated by the professors of the Theological Seminary and by certain other prominent ministers and members of that Church, as well as by the accredited organ of the Synod. These sentiments relate to the great cardinal doctrine of justification by faith through the imputed righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ; to the only rule of faith and practice—the right of private judgment, the nature and efficacy of the sacraments, the authority of the Church, and other doctrines of a kindred character. These sentiments are most palpably Romanizing in their nature and tendency: and accordingly, they have been approved by the organs of the Roman Catholic Church, and the authors of them commended and encouraged to go on

ı and designs of Rome. And certainly the Reformed Dutch Church, ı has always stood among the foremost and firmest of the advo- of truth, should not be backward or mild in their protest against doctrines. Nay, your Committee believe that the time has come, ıe providence of God, when they should not do any thing that t have the aspect in any way of countenancing in the remotest ɔe the fatal errors of the Church of Rome. And even if in their ı in this matter they should lay themselves open to a charge of ating the principles of Christian charity," still they should not hesi- to pursue this course. The interests of truth and the honor of the er are far more important than what might by some be regarded as ɔourtesies of Christian charity. The Apostle tells us that, while rity suffereth long and is kind," yet "it rejoiceth not in iniquity, but ɪeth in the truth."

view of the whole circumstances in which in the providence of God lynod are now placed, your Committee recommend the adoption of ollowing resolutions:—

Resolved, That this Synod entertain unabated confidence in the in- ty and truthfulness of the delegates who were appointed to attend neeting of the Synod of the German Reformed Church which was in the month of October, 1851, and cannot believe that they could nilty of making any intentional misstatements of facts in the report ıeir attendance upon the Synod of the German Reformed Church.

Resolved, That this Synod feel themselves called upon, as repre- ng one of the branches of the great Protestant family, to maintain ɔchingly and firmly the entire faith once delivered to the saints, and oid the doing of any thing which may actually or by implication give anction of their name to any of the erroneous doctrines of the Church ome, or any sentiments which may in any way favor the corrupt ı of the Mother of Abominations.

Resolved, That this Synod do hereby express, in the most decided unequivocal manner, their protest against all those sentiments of a anizing character and tendency which are technically known as the roersburg Theology," as being essential departures from the faith, as lated to lead yet farther astray from the old landmarks of the truth, to undermine the great principles of the Reformation from Popery.

Resolved, That, inasmuch as the correspondence with the German rmed Church has been the occasion in the opinion of that body of lating the principles of Christian courtesy and charity," and as the nuance of the same may be regarded as lending the sanction of this d to sentiments and doctrines which are favorable to the corrupt ı of the Church of Rome which are advocated by many persons of ıguished character in the German Reformed Church, and have not repudiated by the authorities of said Church; and as an expression ıe decided disapprobation on the part of this Synod of any such ı and sentiments, and a strong protest against the same, the Synod ɔy declares that the correspondence between them and the Synod of ɪerman Reformed Church is from this time forth suspended.

By order of the Committee.

THOMAS M. STRONG, Chairman.

The Committee on Correspondence having reported a double number of persons from whom to elect Corresponding Delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Synod proceeded to the election. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the Rev. Ransford Wells, D.D., was chosen as Delegate *Primarius*, and the Rev. Abraham Polhemus, Delegate *Secundus*.

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

In conformity with the standing regulation, the Synod spent a part of the afternoon of the first day of its session in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan previously reported by a Committee for that purpose, consisting of the Rev. Ransford Wells, Philip M. Brett, and the Elder Stephen Van Rensselaer.

Resolved, That a prayer-meeting be held at 8½ o'clock A.M. during the sessions of the Synod.

Resolved, That hereafter the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be observed during the sessions of this Synod, and that the same take place on the afternoon of the second day.

Resolved, That the Resolution of a former General Synod, requesting

character of our agency, efforts, zeal, and devotion. As members of the Church, our individual position is insignificant, and our influence small; as a branch of the Christian Church, we are little among the thousands of Israel; but our responsibility is present and actual to do with all our might and strength for Christ whatsoever our hand finds to do. We cannot escape from this responsibility. We cannot refuse to hear the command, "Occupy till I come," addressed to us as ministers and churches. We cannot decline the severe inquisition which will hereafter be made into our fidelity. We are passing on, year by year, to encounter that inquisition. Each meeting of the General Synod marks another decided advance towards it. When, therefore, the attention of the Church, through those who represent it here, is turned to the state of religion within all its bounds, the subject, it cannot be denied, assumes a solemnity and importance entitling it to the most serious consideration.

The past year has been one of no small outward prosperity through the Church generally, for which our thanks and gratitude to God are devoutly due. The means with which the Church is blessed have been freely given to the building of new church edifices, to the enlargement or remodelling of the old.

The Report of the Synod of New-York on the State of the Churches mentions the Christian activity and enterprise whose fruits are either seen or about to be seen in the erection or material alteration of numerous houses of public worship within the bounds of that Synod. The same evidences of outward thrift and progress are to be found within the bounds of the Northern Synod. The age perhaps deserves to be distinguished as the age of church-building, so general is the disposition on the part of various churches to supplant the old, the incommodious, and the unsightly by the new, graceful, and attractive. The spirit which prompts these changes is significant. It is easy for the illiberal and parsimonious to censure this spirit as evincing pride and a fondness for display, but not so easy to show that the enterprise which aims to make the sanctuary comely to the eye and comfortable to the worshipper is not perfectly accordant with the spirit of an enlightened piety. Nature is beautiful. The hand of God has impressed beauty upon the rainbow's arch; upon the flowers of the field, the rolling flood, the greenwood's quivering leaves; and why should not the temples which human hands rear and devotion consecrates, share, though they cannot rival, the beauty with which nature is adorned? Your Committee regard the liberality displayed for this object as a hopeful rather than an inauspicious sign, and believe that the fruits of it, with God's blessing, will elevate the Church and advance its interests.

One evidence of this advance is found in the amount of contributions this year to charitable purposes. The increased outlay for building and improving church edifices has not diminished the sums given to sustain the religious charities. On the contrary, these sums have been considerably enlarged, in several departments at least. The receipts of our Domestic Missionary Society are $4,343 78 more than they were the former year. Those of the Foreign Missionary Society, and without special effort, rise to $596 36 more than last year; and it is believed that a proportional increase would be found in other departments of benevo-

lence, were the comparison fairly made. So true is it that Christian liberality, when properly exercised, tends to stimulate itself and give expansion to its resources in the cause of Christ.

Your Committee are gratified to find that the recommendation of last year, to devote an additional column in the Classical Tables to the aggregate amounts contributed to charitable purposes by the various churches, has been pursued, and that this column exhibits to a considerable extent, the present year, what our churches have done in the way of benevolent offering. The exhibit is far from being full, and many of our churches, not wont to withhold at the call of charity, and able to respond freely, do not appear at all, or appear disadvantageously upon this list of donors to Christ's treasury. But as the first development of a well-conceived suggestion, it has succeeded well, and promises good results. The amount total contributed by the Synod of New-York, according to this table, is $46,177; that contributed by the Synod of Albany is $12,854: the whole sum being $59,032. Perhaps, had all the churches reported their gifts, the aggregate of our charities might reach $65,000 for the present year. But what is this among so many?—the price simply of a single church edifice, and that by no means one of the costliest, collected from all our churches to spread gospel light and truth amongst the benighted and wandering! It is a very little rill of benevolence, which easily might, and we trust soon will, assume the attitude of a stream, deep, broad, calmly but constantly rolling its free tribute towards the sea. What is needed is the Spirit of God in the churches, to stamp on them the conviction that the gold and silver are the Lord's, and that the

with that unceasing vigilance which is said to be the price of liberty. While we see all around us those who are "unstable as water," and "driven to and fro by every wind of doctrine," we remain, through God's blessing, steadfast and unmovable. To the clamors of a daring rationalism, and the lordly demands of irresponsible ghostly authority; to the shifting forms of a "philosophy falsely so called;" to every hollow, irreverent, and licentious dogma springing from what is called the progressive spirit of the age, and aiming to seduce, if it were possible, the very elect, the Dutch Church opposes a calm, stern front of resistance and hostility; and pointing to the cross and to the Glorified who once hung upon it, says, "There is salvation in no other name but His; and if an angel from heaven preaches another doctrine, let him be accursed." Moored to the cross, the ark of our faith may rock a little as the billows heave and swell, but it will remain safely held, even though a "Peace, be still!" should not be divinely spoken to lull them into rest.

So far as your Committee can judge from all the information before them, they believe that the spiritual condition of the Church will compare favorably with that of last year. From the reports of both Synods it would appear that the Word preached and the ordinances of grace administered have produced good fruits in more than usual abundance. Several of the churches have been specially refreshed by the showers of grace, in both Synods, though most largely in the Particular Synod of New-York, the evidence of which is seen in the increased number added to the churches on confession of their faith. The number received throughout the Church during the last year is 1724, which is 345 more than were received the previous year. The number received on certificate is 1393. There were 1102 dismissals to other churches; 43 suspensions, (the same as last year,) and 641 deaths among the membership.

On the subject of the reference to the Synod by one of the Classes, proposing to alter the Statistical Tables by leaving out the column which gives the total in our congregations, and occupying the space of said column with the amount contributed for some charitable object, your Committee remark that they see nothing to be gained by such modification. A column is already devoted to the total amount of the charities of each church. The column proposed to be added could only contain the sums given to a particular charity, which sum is now embraced in the column already added. This dividing might lead to confusion, and might besides be something invidious. Your Committee recommend no action in the case.

In regard to another subject, the importance of greater accuracy in our Statistical Tables, by having the precise number of the membership given, and the means by which it is proposed to attain this end, your Committee say, that however desirable entire accuracy in this point might be, they fear it is hardly practicable. It is not easy to enforce stringent rules in regard to taking certificates of dismission on the removal of our members from one church to another, or presenting them promptly to the church they propose to join. The control of this matter appears to your Committee to belong rather to the Classes than the Synod. And they therefore recommend that it be enjoined upon the several Classes to

exercise all due circumspection in regard to the Consistorial Reports, and use all the means in their power to insure the greatest fulness and accuracy.

The various Boards of the Church appear to be prosecuting their operations with their wonted zeal and efficiency, and your Committee find cause of devout acknowledgment to the Head of the Church for the measure of success vouchsafed to the plans and efforts of the several departments.

The report from the Classis of Holland, not embraced in the published tables of the Particular Synod of Albany, has been placed in the hands of your Committee. The report represents the churches of the Classis to be enjoying in the main "good order, peace, and love," the preaching of the Word, the sacraments, and the means of grace. They are doing what they can to sustain the gospel, diffuse the truth, rear church edifices, and promote the cause of Christian education. These brethren are eminently deserving the warm sympathy of all the churches. They have difficulties to surmount in the establishment and support of institutions essential to the order, comfort, and prosperity of their societies. And it is hoped that our churches, largely blessed by a kind Providence, with the means of "distributing to the necessities of the saints," sprung as these are from a common ancestry, will not only feel and pray for the welfare of the churches of this interesting Classis, but afford them, as occasion may arise, more substantial tokens of their Christian regard.

In view of all that God has done for us during the year that is past, we would rejoice, and devoutly pay to him our thanksgiving and praise.

been returned, "A little more sleep, a little more slumber, a little more folding of the hands to sleep!"

These things are to be confessed. Your Committee feel that they may be deplored; and they should be deplored, that the Church, lying at the feet of her merciful Lord, may, by his gracious aid, shake them off, and rise with fresh energies to work the work given her to do. We are not of the world, even as the Master was not of the world. The world to us is but a passing pageant; and as pilgrims and sojourners in it, we look elsewhere and beyond it for the city which has foundations—which is the Church's home. Let us fix our eye upon the goal, and lay aside every weight, and break loose from every entanglement, as we press forward to secure the prize. The race will be swift indeed, and the course not long. Our fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they always abide with us? The answer comes to us from the tomb, and the voice which cries is one of earnest and solemn admonition.

The venerable and beloved fathers in God, Rev. Philip Milledoler, D.D., and Rev. James S. Cannon, D.D., have during the last year been laid to their rest. Long associated in the work of educating the youth of our Church, and sending forth qualified laborers into the harvest-field,—patient, earnest, laborious, faithful and prayerful instructors in their respective departments,—their noiseless influence has made itself felt over the length and breadth of the Church. They have long spoken through the educated minds and hearts sent forth from under their tuition; and now being dead, they yet speak, and will continue to speak; and eternity alone can tell how many ransomed souls will attest the saving power of their voice. Old men and full of years, they fell asleep in Jesus, whose name was their joy in death, as it had been their comfort in life. Their praise is in all the churches, and in them their memory is embalmed.

The invitation to leave a lower for a higher seat has reached the sons as well as the fathers during the year. The Rev. George R. Williamson, an earnest and effective preacher, an affectionate and laborious pastor, a most estimable man in every relation, passed through the agony of a fearful calamity to his rest in heaven. The Rev. George Schenck, one of the most intelligent, devoted, and successful young ministers of our Church; the excellent and beloved brethren A. V. Wyckoff, Alanson B. Chittenden, and J. J. Schultz, have all ceased from their labors within the year, and, we may trust, been exalted to sit in heavenly places with Christ.

And through our Lord's good pleasure, we still remain below. How long, dear brethren, shall the sun's rays smite us and the dust gather on our garments as we journey through this desert, weary land? How soon shall the day of toil close, and the time of rest for the exhausted spirit come?

We cannot tell. With God are the times and the seasons. At his command the cross and the conflict are exchanged for the conquest and the crown. But this we certainly know: that our life is "as the vapor which appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away;" and that its swiftly-passing hours go up to the throne, laden with the records which are to stamp our character and destiny for ever. Let it be our constant prayer that the fast-accumulating records be those of arden

zeal, unwavering faith, devoted loyalty, unfaltering consecration. And while, knowing the terror of the Lord, we persuade men, let us, brethren, be ourselves persuaded to labor with all our energy while the day lasteth, lest by any means, a promise being left us of entering into rest, any of us should seem to come short of it.

Respectfully submitted.

C. VAN SANTVOORD, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	Census. Total of the Congregation.	Communicants. In Communion per last Report.	Communicants. Recd On Confession	Communicants. Recd On Certificate	Communicants. Dismissed.	Communicants. Suspended.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Total in Communion.	Bap. Infants.	Bap. Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. Schools. Number of Schools	Sab. Schools. Number of Scholars.	Sab. Schools. Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
New-York,	John Knox, T. De Witt, T. E. Vermilye, T. W. Chambers,	450	2250	....	51	19	27	..	24	1218	44	6	200	60	3	450	275	$8567 83	326 Fourth St., N. Y. 116 Ninth St., " 7 Albion Place, " 64 West 27th St., "
Franklin Street,*	J. B. Hardenbergh,	90	....	....	22	20	48	..	10	250	42	5	....	....	1	120	90	.....	
Broome Street,	G. H. Fisher,	150	750	284	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	105 Wooster St., "
Greenwich,	N. J. Marselus, S.C C. C. Van Arsdale,	300	1500	557	15	36	10	..	11	587	33	..	298	57	1	442	330	320 40	46 Hammond St., " W. Washington Pl., "
Seventh Avenue,	W. R. Gordon,	68	....	104	4	9	4	..	1	112	2	..	....	....	1	....	....	.....	84 Barrow St, "
Twenty-first Street,	A. R. Van Nest,	146	730	166	15	20	6	..	7	188	25	5	141	100	1	235	185	647 15	113 West 23 St., "
Ger. Evan. Miss. Ch.,	J. C. Guldin,	....	750	447	53	..	32	..	11	456	57	..	70	....	2	307	259	.....	122 Rivington St., "
Livingston Church,	A. Lloyd,	33	....	20	1	15	1	..	..	35	7	..	....	....	1	90	50	123 90	250 West 33d St., "
Mt. Pleasant, 50th St.,	C. M. Jameson,	25	150	....	3	5	3	..	4	32	8	..	15	25	..	90	75	.....	2d Av. near 50th St., "
Bloomingdale,	E. Van Aken,	....	....	56	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	183 West 23d St., "
Harlem,	J. S. Lord,	100	530	118	78	5	3	..	2	196	4	25	40	40	1	110	80	525 82	122d St., near 3d Av., "
Mott Haven,	W. T. Van Doren,	85	120	19	2	7	1	..	..	27	5	..	....	....	1	70	50	10 00	Mott Haven, West.co., "
Staten Island,	J. Brownlee,	180	900	217	1	2	2	..	6	212	25	..	....	....	1	180	160	320 00	Port Richmond, S. I.
Ch. of Hugonots, S. I.,	J. A. M. La Tourrette	18	134	17	1	1	..	..	..	19	3	..	22	19	1	40	30	41 18	South Side, Staten Island.
3d Ger. Ref. P. D. Ch.	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	

* Report for Two Years.

Ministers without Charge.—P. I. Van Pelt, D.D.; C. C. Vermeule, D.D.; and Rev. Messrs. E. H. May; A. N. Kittle; J. V. Henry; J. Mulligan; J. Buckham; W. Boyce; J. P. Knox, (St. Thomas,) J. Scudder, M. D., and W. W. Scudder, and Joseph Scudder, Missionaries in Ceylon; and W. C. Brownlee, D.D., *(Emeritus.)*

OF NEW-YORK.

	Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				
Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
93	21	2	44	....	1	212	150	$573 83	Stapleton, S. I.
139	9	..	....	50	1	195	142	391 00	Tompkinsville, S. I.
240	8	1	80	....	1	200	140	.....	New-York City.
381	14	1	275	250	1	....	....	3,500 00	New-York City.
342	15	5	200	40	2	200	160	3,500 00	New-York City.
238	30	5	80	90	3	170	100	606 97	New-York City.
195	31	3	35	20	1	90	70	325 00	Williamsburg, L. I.
....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
28	4	..	35	20	1	60	40	61 47	Peekskill.
37	3	..	10	25	1	40	30	12 50	New-York City.
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Westbrook, D.D.; Rev. Robert Kirkwood; Rev. John Albertis; Rev. A. Quin, Chaplain of the Sailors' Snug Harbor, S. I.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
1st, New-Brunswick,	Samuel B. How,	....	....	....	19	7	12	1	7	....	11	3	....	....	..	....	....	$783 00	New-Brunswick, N. J.
2d, New-Brunswick,	S. M. Woodbridge,	90	450	125	7	13	9	..	1	136	10	..	40	....	1	90	60	282 23	" " "
3d, N. B., (German,)	F. M. Serenbetz,	21	81	45	7	8	5	2	1	49	5	..	7	7	1	11	7	.....	" " "
Six Mile Run,	Jacob C. Sears,	166	950	238	9	1	5	..	5	238	23	1	80	30	6	280	....	375 63	Six Mile Run, "
Hillsborough,	John Dewitt,	195	975	329	15	6	3	1	4	343	16	5	150	....	6	240	....	443 00	Millstone, "
Middlebush,	J. A. Van Doren, S C.	90	450	170	3	..	6	..	2	165	8	..	75	30	2	125	100	304 55	Middlebush, "
First, Raritan,	Abraham Messler,	175	975	434	12	6	32	1	2	418	13	4	....	....	..	....	....	450 00	Somerville, "
Second, Raritan,	Elijah R. Craven,	112	560	259	13	24	24	..	2	270	9	3	60	....	3	200	....	.....	" "
Third, Raritan,	Jas. A. H. Cornell,	110	500	100	8	26	4	2	4	134	18	2	63	25	1	130	90	325 58	" "
Bedminster,	William Brush,	130	650	227	2	5	14	..	3	217	10	..	120	....	4	....	....	190 00	Pluckemin, "
North Branch,	James K. Campbell,	110	550	110	5	3	3	..	2	113	14	..	....	30	1	85	....	131 50	North Branch, "
Rockaway,	L. L. Comfort,	100	455	127	3	5	9	..	5	95	8	2	38	....	4	170	158	65 60	Whitehouse, "
Lebanon,	Vacant,	185	982	177	5	2	8	..	1	175	18	..	50	12	5	190	160	111 00	Lebanon, "
Griggstown,	John A. Todd,	100	490	114	8	9	8	..	2	121	11	3	50	40	2	160	140	151 52	Griggstown, "
Spotswood,	John H. Manning,	55	275	61	3	5	1	..	1	68	4	..	....	....	2	70	60	25 50	Spotswood, "
First, Freehold,	Ralph Willis,	95	450	126	5	4	3	..	6	132	6	1	25	60	2	....	....	200 00	Marlboro', "
Second, Freehold,	Hervey D. Ganse,	85	425	98	10	2	..	..	..	110	3	1	....	....	1	75	60	290 87	Freehold, "
Middletown,	William Reiley,	110	500	119	3	1	..	..	1	122	8	2	25	....	2	130	100	236 59	Holmdel, "
Middletown Village,	A. C. Millspaugh,	65	360	100	2	1	..	..	1	102	5	..	30	20	2	60	50	50 00	Middletown, "
Boundbrook,	Geo. J. Van Neste,	75	375	92	..	4	1	..	1	94	8	..	65	....	1	100	65	121 57	Boundbrook, "
Keyport,	Jer. Searle, (Miss.,).	27	100	31	5	6	..	..	..	41	..	2	....	....	..	....	....	42 51	Keyport, "
Peapack,	William Anderson,	70	350	101	7	2	2	..	1	107	11	..	20	20	1	85	75	29 00	Peapack, "
Branchville,	Henry Dater,	75	375	65	12	10	1	..	1	85	4	3	18	18	1	50	40	91 74	Somerville, "
Long Branch,	James B. Wilson,	46	200	9	9	4	..	..	..	22	9	7	12	15	2	60	40	35 00	Long Branch, "
Easton,	Jas. H. Mason Knox	45	250	52	24	7	7	..	..	76	3	4	15	....	1	65	....	128 22	Easton, Penn.

Ministers without Charge—Jonathan V. Morris, John Proudfit, D.D., H. B. Stryker, Wm. J. Thompson, R. J. Blair, John Vanderveer, D D., William H. Steele, Foreign Missionary; Jeremiah Searle, Missionary at Keyport; Alexander McClelland, D.D. *Candidate*—C. R. Von Romondt.

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	Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				
	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES
4	12	1	125	20	2	250	180	$734 00	Bergen, Hudson co., N. J.
2	2	..	....	21	1	40	30	7 00	English Neighborhood, "
7	12	..	40	50	1	90	75	171 00	Hackensack, Berg. co., "
7	17	..	125	50	4	250	200	245 00	Schraalenburgh, " "
9	19	1	99	25	3	214	150	199 00	Belleville, Essex co., "
3	11	..	82	....	1	93	70	376 00	Jersey City, Hud. co., "
3	14	1	....	20	2	80	70	60 00	Bergen Pt., Hud. co., "
4	..	..	360	100	2	475	375	996 00	Newark, Essex co., "
1	12	6	50	....	..	180	140	286 00	Newark, Essex co., "
1	226	..	38	38	1	124	85	.....	Newark, " "
7	1	..	....	....	1	70	....	.....	Camptown, Ess. co., "
5	6	..	100	40	1	110	80	105 00	New-Durham, Hud. co. "
4	20	5	82	25	1	174	85	526 00	Jersey City, Hud. co., "
2	4	..	18	....	1	27	25	16 00	Hoboken, Hud. co., "
9	1	..	100	....	1	147	102	102 00	Jersey City. "

ed Dutch Church, Jersey City.

Rev. John L. Chapman; Rev. James Romeyn; Rev. J. M. Bruen; s Reed.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.		
Clarkstown,	P. J. Quick,	110	425	134	3	2	1	1	4	133	3	..	40	....	1	75	70	$216 47	Nyack Turnpike, N. Y.
Tappan,	I. D. Cole,	160	800	190	..	..	4	..	3	187	7	..	30	....	1	30	....	85 00	Tappan Town, N. Y.
Acquacknonk,	W. R. Bogardus,	210	1100	222	5	3	5	..	8	217	15	..	100	....	5	....	....	230 00	Acquacknonk, N. J.
1st church, Totowa,	E. Wiggins,	173	708	170	9	3	2	..	4	167	27	..	....	16	1	160	....	.....	Paterson, N. J.
2d church, Totowa,	J. H. Duryea, S. C.,	140	700	240	6	3	10	1	7	230	24	2	40	20	2	190	150	203 00	Paterson, "
Paramus,	A. B. Winfield,	160	775	162	6	2	..	..	4	16	9	..	30	40	1	90	....	145 00	Paterson, "
Pasgack,	John Manley,	106	540	116	..	2	..	..	..	118	5	..	....	....	1	....	....	.....	Munsey, N. Y.
Saddle River,		112	543	146	1	1	2	2	2	143	6	..	20	....	1	....	....	.....	
Wt. N. Hempstead,	P. Allen,	65	315	71	..	..	..	..	1	70	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	60 00	Munsey, "
Ramapo,		72	346	67	1	2	4	..	3	63	4	1	....	....	..	....	....	11 00	
Warwick,	F. H. Vandeveer,	75	....	91	..	1	4	..	2	86	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Warwick, N. Y.
Nyack,	B. Van Zant,	105	400	117	4	9	6	..	3	121	..	..	....	....	1	100	80	151 87½	Nyack, N. Y.
1st church, Piermont,	Jacob West,	66	350	47	1	9	2	..	2	55	3	..	30	35	..	75	60	172 19	Piermont, N. Y.
2d church, Piermont,	Wm. H. Van Doren,	20	25	....	..	2	..	..	..	27	1	..	25	....	..	35	25	.....	Piermont, N. Y.

F LONG ISLAND.

	Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				
nion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
75	8	1	40	25	1	125	100	$977 02	Brooklyn, L. I.
27	7	..	25	25	2	114	90	871 37	Flatbush, "
26	6	3	60	....	2	130	110	490 87	New-Utrecht, "
..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Flatlands, "
..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Gravesend, "
78	5	..	30	15	1	60	40	.....	East New-York, L. I.
87	15	..	30	20	2	95	80	285 00	East New-York, "
31	5	..	....	....	1	50	....	.....	Brooklyn, L. I.
64	8	2	....	....	1	180	135	150 00	Brooklyn, "
26	1	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Brooklyn, "
68	3	1	50	....	1	116	80	150 00	Brooklyn, "
87	6	..	60	....	1	129	85	.....	Brooklyn, "
39	19	3	155	45	1	116	76	3,100 00	Brooklyn, "
50	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Brooklyn, "

v. R. D. Van Kleek. *Candidate*—Ernst Schroepfer.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Jamaica,	John B. Alliger,	197	1000	227	7	4	4	..	4	230	15	1	....	....	3	....	....	$320 00	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown,	Thomas C. Strong, S. C.,	120	600	118	6	..	2	1	6	115	15	1	80	20	2	120	100	500 00	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay,	Vacant,	100	500	115	5	5	3	..	5	117	4	4	....	....	..	....	....	90 00	Cedar Swamp, L. I.
North Hempstead,	J. Demarest, Pastor Elect,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	70	1	75	60	.....	Manhasset, "
Williamsburg,	Elbert S. Porter,	128	500	174	4	16	2	..	1	191	7	..	125	....	1	160	100	632 57	Williamsburg, "
Astoria,	Vacant,	61	....	62	2	..	..	..	1	63	1	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Astoria, "
Flushing,	G. H. Mandeville,	45	165	40	2	6	2	..	..	46	9	1	12	25	1	60	45	118 45	Flushing, "
Green Point,	John W. Ward,	40	175	37	..	6	..	..	..	43	..	..	25	....	1	70	....	36 00	Green Point, "
South Bushwick,	John S. Himrod, S. S.,	35	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	12	1	..	....	....	1	50	....	.....	Williamsburg, "

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. John S. Himrod, Aaron A. Marcellus, Peter S. Williamson, and Alexander H. Bishop.

OUGHKEEPSIE.

ts.		Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				
Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
6	313	7	2	40	40	1	225	150	$1009 00	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
2	173	3	3	....	39	1	95	....	450 77	Fishkill, "
2	223	1	2	....	30	1	25	....	200 00	New Hackensack, N. Y.
4	225	4	4	25	30	3	90	....	500 00	East Fishkill, "
6	209	5	1	70	50	2	100	75	278 90	Rhinebeck, "
4	102	2	..	30	24	1	100	75	104 00	Fishkill Landing, "
..	153	3	..	....	....	5	100	....	153 00	Pine Plains, "
2	133	1	..	50	25	3	75	....	100 00	Hyde Park, "
..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
1	76	5	..	....	....	1	80	60	263 30	Poughkeepsie, "

en, Johnsville, N. Y.; Rev. Charles Whitehead.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Harlingen,	John Gardner,	150	750	....	10	5	8	1	11	....	14	..	50	100	5	300	250	$389 63	Harlingen, N. J.
Readington,	John Van Liew,	170	800	250	12	6	10	..	5	253	18	..	50	....	5	200	....	356 07	Readington, "
New Shannock,	Gabriel Ludlow,	175	800	....	11	3	8	..	4	162	11	1	140	70	5	150	....	271 00	Beekman's Mills, N. J.
First church, Philad.,	A. A. Willets,	160	800	285	9	8	8	..	4	290	8	6	75	15	3	400	300	1,000 00	Philadelphia, Pa.
Second " "	Joseph F. Berg,	70	400	....	7	30	2	..	2	154	6	2	....	....	2	140	100	.....	" "
Third " "	H. G. Livingston,	160	800	256	2	2	4	..	4	252	10	..	30	....	2	225	150	1,315 00	" "
N. & S. Hampton,	A. O. Halsey,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Newtown, Pa.
Blawenburgh,	T. B. Romeyn, S. C.,	102	500	138	3	1	1	1	5	135	4	2	30	75	6	....	125	396 54	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Stanton,*	H. Doolittle,	101	501	....	4	8	3	..	6	159	9	2	46	44	3	120	....	53 00	Stanton, N. J.
Manayunk,		....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Roxboro',	S. A. Bumstead	45	300	....	4	2	..	..	4	75	8	..	10	....	1	90	80	35 00	Andora, Pa.

* Formerly Mount Pleasant

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Peter Labagh, D.D.; Rev. C P. Wack.

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Total in Communion.	Bapt. Infants.	Bapt. Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. Schools. Number of Schools	Sab. Schools. Number of Scholars.	Sab. Schools. Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
146	9	..	16	30	4	140	....	$71 38	Pompton Plains, N. J.
169	17	2	....	....	3	....	....	106 79	Pompton, N. J.
161	3	..	45	35	2	130	90	164 71	
114	22	2	40	....	4	120	50	.....	Little Falls, N. J.
42	1	..	18	19	1	70	18	9 70	Paterson, N. J.
50	13	..	12	....	2	40	50	.....	Pompton Iron Wks., N. J.
82	12	..	....	....	2	60	60	17 00	Paterson, N. J.
69	13	1	....	....	1	80	60	25 00	Little Falls, N. J.
49	..	5	....	....	1	....	....	.....	Bloomfield, Essex co., N.J.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Fairview,	A. D. Wilson,	117	585	131	2	2	1	..	3	131	17	..	....	....	2	....	80	$75 00	Fairview, Fulton co., Ill.
Pekin,	S. V. E. Westfall, S.C.	54	270	....	5	1	2	..	1	40	7	2	....	....	1	....	60	103 50	Pekin, Tazewell co., "
Washington,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Washington, Sang. co. "
Vanderveer,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Pleasant Plains, "
Burlington	J. B. Madoulet,	11	50	....	..	..	..	..	..	24	5	..	14	....	..	....	....	18 00	Burlington, Iowa.
Silver Creek.	J. U. Zurcher, S. S.	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Silver Creek, Ill.

HUDSON.

	Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				
nion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
160	2	1	120	13	1	150	....	$197 00	Hudson, N. Y.
307	14	..	20	16	5	....	200	.....	Claverack, Col. co., N. Y.
213	7	..	....	....	3	130	100	.....	Mellenville, " "
78	4	..	....	....	1	....	40	20 00	Hudson, N. Y.
189	8	5	60	31	8	185	145	87 10	Livingston, Col. co., N.Y.
77	1	..	....	....	2	....	....	45 00	Upper Red Hook, N. Y.
116	20	..	....	....	1	60	....	10 00	
....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Copake, N. Y.

man, D. D.; Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C.B.C.		Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
First, Tarrytown,	A. T. Stewart,	82	360	150	6	2	6	..	1	135	1	1	70	4	1	95	75	$280 00	Tarrytown, West. Co.
Second, Tarrytown	J. M. Ferris,	77	300	90	5	13	..	..	..	108	7	1	....	50	1	110	75	460 84	" " "
Fordham,	J. H. Bevier,	68	366	37	2	..	1	..	3	35	3	..	20	10	1	30	25	65 91	Fordham, " "
Unionville,	John L. See, S. C.,	50	250	88	27	1	..	..	2	114	1	15	25	....	1	50	35	102 84	Neperan, " "
Greenville,	J. A. Collier,	40	160	39	..	..	1	..	..	38	1	..	....	....	1	28	20	29 95	Bronxville, " "
Bronxville,		35	150	31	2	2	..	..	..	35	4	..	....	....	1	40	16	99 47	
West Farms,	P. H. Burghardt,	78	370	102	1	7	6	..	3	94	5	1	50	40	1	100	65	102 49	West Farms, " "
Yonkers,	V. M. Hulbert,	80	400	....	3	6	..	..	..	78	10	1	25	30	1	50	40	21 00	Yonkers, " "
Greenburg,*																			
Hastings,	P. Phelps, Jr.,	50	....	22	1	..	..	2	1	20	4	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	Hastings-on-Hudson.

* No report

ALBANY.

	Bapt. C. & B. C				Sab Schools.				
nion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
143	5	3	20	25	2	200	150	$2,600 14	Albany.
541	35	7	....	....	1	148	125	1,270 00	"
180	7	..	70	20	1	125	....	380 97	"
226	14	..	73	57	3	146	100	81 98	Cedar Hill.
137	9	..	95	25	2	135	100	142 00	Bethlehem.
87	3	1	....	16	1	60	40	36 89	"
72	3	..	....	....	1	85	70	74 00	Coeymans.
72	3	..	....	....	1	125	90	30 00	New-Baltimore.
9	6	1	....	....	1	....	....	.....	"
101	5	..	....	....	1	....	....	.....	"
135	14	..	25	....	1	40	20	.....	Salem.
106	7	..	....	12	1	70	50	.....	"
148	5	..	....	72	5	118	100	25 38	Westerlo.
32	..	2	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Knox.

n P. Pepper, Reuben Porter, Jacob Van Vechten, D.D.

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Bloomingdale	Vacant,	....	....	107	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Bloomingdale.
Blue Mountains,	A. C. Hillman,	100	400	15	6	18	..	..	1	38	8	..	....	....	2	....	....	.....	Saugerties.
Catsb an,	H. Ostrander,	....	....	97	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	do.
Clove,	Ephraim Depuy,	110	550	100	7	3	2	..	1	107	22	..	....	....	2	120	....	.....	High Falls.
Dashville Falls,	H. Eckel, S. S.,	56	200	20	..	1	2	..	..	19	3	..	....	....	1	....	30	.....	Rosendale.
Esopus,	Wesley Taylor,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Amesville.
Flatbush,	Vacant	....	....	203	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Saugerties.
Guilford,	J. N. Jansen,	150	750	....	..	2	4	..	1	69	16	..	40	25	4	....	....	$76 54	Tuthill.
Hurley,	B. C. Lippencott,	85	460	74	2	5	..	..	..	81	3	..	30	16	1	50	....	32 50	Hurley.
Kingston,	J. C. F. Hoes,	200	1000	438	1	17	5	..	6	445	22	..	75	50	3	200	150	.....	Kingston.
Second church, do.,	H. W. Smuller,	100	550	108	4	15	1	..	1	125	6	2	65	48	1	140	75	.....	do.
Marbletown,	C. L. Van Dyck, S. C.,	....	....	....	9	1	3	..	3	100	15	..	....	20	2	....	....	432 22	Stone Ridge.
New-Paltz,	Chas. H. Stitt,	210	1200	206	3	1	4	..	4	202	15	..	140	100	6	250	200	420 00	New-Paltz.
North Esopus,	Wesley Taylor,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Amesville.
North Marbletown,	B. C. Lippimott, S. S.,	101	592	26	7	8	..	..	..	41	4	..	25	....	1	35	....	.....	Hurley.
Plattekill,	M. L. Schenck,	154	775	169	1	..	6	..	2	162	21	1	12	....	1	40	....	.....	Glasco.
Rochester,	C. Wyckoff,	300	1500	203	4	4	3	..	3	205	25	..	....	30	6	....	....	.....	Accord.
Rosendale,	H. Eckel,	60	335	51	4	..	2	..	..	53	4	..	....	....	2	....	65	20 00	Rosendale.
Saugerties,	C. Van Santvoord,	....	....	209	5	8	9	..	3	210	22	..	....	50	..	130	....	195 23	Saugerties.
Samsonville	S. Harlow,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Samsonville.
Shokan,	J. W. Hammond,	200	800	84	3	1	8	..	3	77	3	..	15	50	1	100	70	.....	Shokan.
Woodstock,	A. Gulick,	105	750	161	3	2	1	..	4	161	11	..	15	....	1	55	....	16 00	Woodstock.
West Hurley,	Do. S. S.,	....	....	24	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	do.

Minister without charge.—Abram Fort.

NSSELAER.

	Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				
nion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
61	3	..	....	....	1	....	....	$28 87	Defreestville.
...	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Castleton.
...	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Chatham Four Corners.
55	3	..	....	....	1	40	....	55 60	Ghent.
111	14	1	....	....	1	80	....	23 00	Hudson.
...	5	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	East Greenbush.
274	1	..	....	....	3	200	....	578 53	Kinderhook.
202	8	1	....	....	4	150	....	150 00	Nassau.
...	4	1	....	....	4	160	....	118 00	Schodack Landing.
103	..	..	....	....	1	50	....	156 00	Stuyvesant.

CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Northumberland,	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Northumberland.
Saratoga,	S. T. Searle,	75	300	96	11	9	1	2	..	113	4	3	20	....	1	75	50	$150 00	Schuylerville.
Gansevoort,	W. P. Doe, S. S.,	23	100	31	1	1	6	..	1	....	1	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Gansevoort.
Union Village,	Uriah Marvin,	108	430	173	..	6	8	..	5	166	3	..	....	....	1	60	45	603 85	Greenwich.
Easton,	H. Morris, S. C,	50	200	55	..	3	1	..	1	56	2	..	20	55	2	55	40	.....	North-Easton.
Tiosiock,	J. B. Shaw,	63	300	100	9	1	7	..	1	102	..	7	....	....	3	120	90	226 00	Buskirk's Bridge.
Jackson,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Battenville.
Scaghticoke,	J. D. Fonda,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Stillwater.
Fort Miller,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Fort Miller.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. Birkby and J. Parry.

NTGOMERY.

Total in Communion.	Bapt. Infants.	Bapt. Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. Schools. Number of Schools	Sab. Schools. Number of Scholars.	Sab. Schools. Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
29	2	2	....	50	2	100	....	.....	Amsterdamville.
124	..	..	....	....	2	100	....	$50 00	Fonda.
87	2	..	....	....	1	60	....	.....	Canajoharie.
71	3	1	....	....	1	30	....	.....	Root.
77	..	1	....	....	2	60	....	177 87	Root.
156	5	1	65	....	2	....	....	.....	Mariaville.
50	5	4	....	20	3	110	80	35	Glen.
64	7	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Ephrata.
218	9	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Palatine Bridge.
139	14	..	....	....	1	200	....	.....	Fort Plain.
....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Mohawk.
55	2	1	....	12	1	40	....	15 00	Mariaville.
....	..	..	....	....	1	40	....	.....	Manheim Centre.
275	10	1	....	....	3	150	125	.....	Herkimer.
....	5	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Mohawk.
170	9	1	....	....	2	100	79	38 00	St. Johnsville.
....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Mohawk.
....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Frankfort.
....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Herkimer.
52	..	10	....	60	..	50	....	52 50	Port Jackson.

Rev. James Donald.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
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Schoharie,	R. Wells,	102	885	119	4	3	..	..	2	124	1	1	....	....	2	....	....	.....	Schoharie C. H.
Middleburgh,	Isaac M. See	100	550	124	3	2	..	..	..	129	..	..	....	....	1	90	70	.....	Middleburgh.
First church, Berne,	E. Vedder, S.C.,	50	400	65	..	..	..	..	..	65	4	..	25	25	2	130	101	$54 00	Berne.
Beaverdam,	Vacant,	48	350	64	..	..	..	..	..	64	3	..	....	20	1	65	50	25 00	Berne.
Gilboa,	S. Lockwood,	90	450	100	57	5	7	..	..	155	16	11	....	....	1	120	100	52 22	Gilboa.
Gallupville,	N. Bogardus	....	....	....	24	1	1	..	1	....	..	7	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Gallupville.
New Rhinebeck,	Vacant,	85	225	....	1	..	1	..	3	65	7	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Lawyerville.
Breakabin,	"	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Breakabin.
Sharon,	R. Julien.	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Gardnersville.
Schoharie Mountain,	Vacant,	60	400	....	..	..	..	..	..	36	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	East Cobleskill.
North Blenheim,	"	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	North Blenheim.

Ministers without charge.—Rev John M. Scribner, Cornelius Bogardus, Elihu Doty, Missionary to China.

HENECTADY.

s.		Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				
Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
5	374	4	..	175	30	2	250	200	$300 00	Schenectady.
.	37	4	1	....	....	1	75	55	38 00	"
.	108	..	..	....	....	1	40	....	135 00	Vischer's Ferry.
3	173	6	..	....	20	2	100	65	274 00	Niskayuna.
2	172	2	1	....	15	5	155	109	79 00	Glenville.
4	124	7	16	50	70	6	261	194	130 00	Scotia.
2	74	8	2	21	....	2	40	....	81 00	Hoffman's Ferry.
.	69	4	3	....	....	2	60	30	45 00	Schenectady.
2	235	9	1	....	....	4	100	....	56 00	Guilderland Cen're.
3	37	..	..	....	....	1	55	50	.....	West Troy.
.	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Dunnsville.
.	48	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Lishaskill.

Wm. Ingalls, Abraham I. Swits, *Stated Clerk*, Schenectady.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Owasco,	H. A. Raymond,	101	560	115	..	2	2	..	4	111	2	..	....	50	3	80	....	$80 00	Owasco.
Syracuse,	James R. Berry,	100	500	81	2	5	1	..	1	86	6	..	30	20	1	80	60	50 00	Syracuse.
Canastota,	F. T. Drake,	50	200	27	..	2	..	..	1	28	..	..	....	....	1	30	....	.....	Canastota.
Utica,	C. Wiley,	140	680	227	1	2	4	..	..	226	3	..	....	32	1	200	120	1000 65	Utica.
Lysander,	W. J. Bradford,	25	100	30	1	..	..	..	..	31	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Lysander.
Thousand Isles,	A. Dubois,	175	225	16	4	2	2	..	1	19	3	2	....	18	6	160	120	8 76	Alexandria.
Cicero,	J. Dubois, S. C.,	80	250	54	5	..	..	1	..	58	..	..	....	....	1	40	30	34 50	Cicero.
Sandbeach,	S. R. Brown,	58	267	76	..	5	..	..	..	81	2	..	....	50	3	125	....	100 41	Sandbeach,
Cleveland,	D. B. Hall,	64	271	38	..	4	2	..	..	40	1	..	20	....	1	68	....	30 00	Cleveland.
Chittenango,	James Abell,	90	460	....	3	7	2	..	1	....	9	..	....	22	3	125	....	.....	Chittenango.

ORANGE.

Total in Communion.	Bapt. Infants.	Bapt. Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. Schools. Number of Schools	Sab. Schools. Number of Scholars.	Sab. Schools. Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
10[illegible]	..	..	20	25	1	25	....	$101 75	St. Andrews.
3[illegible]8	26	..	150	10	1	....	....	390 00	Montgomery.
219	15	2	....	24	4	....	....	243 00	Brunswick.
120	10	..	60	....	4	150	120	93 83	Ulsterville.
....	1	1	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Port Jervis.
133	4	1	75	26	1	116	90	212 00	Newburgh.
57	..	..	....	12	2	60	50	39 07	Montague.
117	15	..	....	5[illegible]	5	250	175	235 00	New-Hurley.
164	9	3	60	35	1	85	75	234 50	Walden.
174	13	1	....	....	3	90	70	.....	Delaware, Pa.
171	9	2	25	....	2	110	....	182 31	Bloomingburgh.
110	10	4	....	25	3	....	....	294 00	Ellenville.
....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Woodbourne.
153	5	3	....	25	4	217	143	125 54	Napanoch.
116	1	..	....	....	2	50	40	.....	Grahamville.
5[illegible]	..	3	28	7	2	52	30	25 69	Wurtsborough.
20	..	..	....	....	1	....	25	7 00	Claryville.
15	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
56	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Jeffersonville.
....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	

Youngblood, John T. Demarest, W. S. Heyer, C. D. Eltinge.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession.	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Athens,	W. R. S. Betts, S S.,	....	....	100	2	3	2	..	..	103	2	..	....	....	1	50	....	.....	Athens.
Catskill,	A. P. Van Geisen	200	800	....	..	..	..	..	..	210	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Catskill.
First church, Coxsackie,	P. Peltz, S.C	205	1100	....	15	2	2	..	8	320	13	..	150	....	3	115	90	$256 90	Coxsackie.
Second " "	John Steele, ...	104	525	....	..	..	..	..	..	98	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Coxsackie.
Kiskatom,	J. M. Compton, ...	77	336	164	6	..	5	1	6	158	7	4	23	37	1	73	35	59 63	Kiskatom.
Leeds,	John Minor, ...	95	450	105	12	3	3	..	2	115	7	3	20	....	2	100	75	60 00	Leeds.
Moresville	C. A. Evans, ...	95	300	....	25	..	2	..	1	76	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	31 32	Moresville.
Prattsville,	E. S. Hammond, ...	60	300	65	4	2	..	..	..	71	..	..	....	....	1	80	65	.....	Prattsville.
Roxbury,	W. E. Turner, ...	53	....	57	..	1	..	..	..	58	..	..	....	....	1	....	....	40 00	Roxbury.

ATERVLIET.

.	Bapt.		C. & B.C.		Sab.Schools.				
Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
337	6	3	....	....	1	160	100	$631 00	West Troy.
90	6	..	....	....	1	150	100	.....	do.
60	1	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Wynantskill.
33	1	1	....	....	1	70	60	43 75	Boght.
31	3	..	30	23	1	90	75	.....	Waterford.
92	6	2	....	....	1	60	50	180 00	Cohoes.
70	9	6	....	....	1	....	....	24 00	West Troy.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Chicago,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Chicago.
Drenthe,	"	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Holland.
Graafschap	M. Ypma,	58	251	....	4	11	..	..	2	118	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	"
Grand Rapids,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Grand Rapids.
Grand Haven,	S. Bolks,	50	250	....	15	..	3	..	4	85	12	..	59	....	..	....	....	Grand Haven.
Holland,	A. C. Van Raalte, S. C.,	131	617	278	..	3	11	2	12	258	33	..	140	....	..	....	....	Holland.
Hooge Prairie,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Chicago.
Kalamazoo,	"	48	225	....	13	15	5	1	1	97	21	..	27	....	..	....	....	Kalamazoo.
Milwaukie,	H. G. Kleyn,	73	324	....	15	5	42	2	12	139	25	..	....	....	..	....	....	Milwaukie, Wis.
Noord Holland,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	Holland.
Overyssel,	"	50	332	....	5	4	..	..	1	104	8	..	70	....	..	....	....	"
Vriesland,	"	59	232	....	10	4	2	1	..	81	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	"
Zeeland,	C. Vander Meulen,	153	685	267	18	4	..	4	8	284	38	..	120	....	..	....	....	"

F GENEVA.

nts.		Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				
D-d.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Lodi.
8	129	7	2	40	6	1	94	....	.....	Geneva.
..	18	..	..	....	....	1	30	....	$27 54	Waterloo.
..	63	1	..	....	....	1	....	....	20 00	Arcadia.
..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Ithaca.
1	134	4	14	....	30	1	100	80	225 63	Farmer.
..	68	2	..	15	....	2	60	50	12 50	Waterloo.
4	46	..	..	....	....	1	50	30	15 50	Sluyterville.
..	37	3	..	20	....	1	50	....	.....	Red Creek.
2	80	9	..	40	....	..	....	....	.....	Pulteneyville,
..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Otto.
1	18	8	..	17	....	..	....	....	.....	Rochester.
..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Buffalo.
..	43	6	..	18	10	1	21	....	.....	Clymer.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Students.	Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction	Number of Sabbath-schools.	Number of Scholars.	Amount of Contributions for Rel. and Benevolent purposes.	STATED CLERKS.
New-York,	18	31	..	..	1595	7814	246	139	3339	255	41	786	301	14	1827	$10,536 28	Rev. N. J. Marselus, D. D.
South Classis of N. Y.,	11	15	..	..	828	3800	127	74	1693	135	17	759	493	12	1167	8,970 77	" S. H. Meeker.
New-Brunswick,	25	31	1	..	2332	11723	196	161	3433	234	43	943	307	53	2390	4,864 61	" J. A. Van Doren.
Bergen,	15	21	..	..	1878	8481	148	132	2219	357	4	1219	389	22	2324	3,823 00	" A. H. Warner.
Paramus,	14	12	..	..	1574	7027	37	30	1773	57	3	315	111	14	755	1,274 58	" J. H. Duryee.
South Classis of L. I.,	14	15	1	..	875	3735	53	139	1358	83	0	450	130	13	1115	6,024 26	" R. O. Currie, D.D.
North Classis of L. I.,	9	11	..	..	726	2940	26	37	817	52	7	242	115	10	535	1,697 02	" T. C. Strong.
Poughkeepsie,	10	11	..	..	901	4874	41	24	1607	31	2	215	238	18	890	3,058 97	" A. M. Mann.
Philadelphia,	11	12	..	..	1133	5651	62	65	1480	88	3	431	304	32	1625	3,816 24	" T. B. Romeyn.
Passaic,	9	7	..	..	971	4847	48	21	882	90	0	131	84	20	640	394 58	" John A. Staats.
Illinois,	6	4	..	..	132	905	7	3	195	29	2	14	....	3	140	196 50	" S. V. E. Westfall
Hudson,	8	10	..	..	819	4177	34	22	1140	56	6	200	60	21	525	359 10	" I. C. Boice.
Westchester,	10	8	..	..	560	2356	57	31	651	36	20	190	134	9	503	1,162 60	" J. L. See.
Albany,	14	13	..	..	1533	7935	75	60	2371	116	4	283	227	21	1252	4,641 36	" I. N. Wyckoff, D.D.
Ulster,	23	18	..	..	1961	8862	59	86	2095	200	3	417	389	34	1120	786 49	" C. L. Van Dyck.
Rensselaer,	10	8	..	..	840	4231	21	25	806	38	3	....	....	15	680	1,110 00	" E. Nevius.
Washington,	9	8	..	..	324	1330	21	20	437	10	0	40	55	7	310	979 85	" Henry Morris.
Montgomery,	20	14	..	..	1499	7417	39	19	1567	73	22	65	145	23	1040	368 37	" D. Van Olinda.
Schoharie,	11	9	..	..	535	3260	89	11	638	31	9	25	45	7	405	131 22	" E. Vedder.
Schenectady,	12	12	..	..	1257	6030	73	27	1451	44	24	246	135	26	1136	1,138 00	" A. J. Swits.
Cayuga,	10	10	..	..	883	3513	16	29	680	26	2	50	192	20	908	1,310 32	" John Dubois.
Orange,	20	23	..	..	1861	7410	84	85	2143	118	20	458	329	36	805	2,183 69	" W. S. Moore.
Greene,	9	9	..	..	891	3311	64	11	1209	29	7	193	37	9	418	347 85	" P. Peltz.
Watervliet,	7	7	..	..	403	1950	36	20	818	32	12	30	23	6	530	878 75	A. C. Van Raalte.
Holland,	13	5	..	..	633	2916	91	46	1166	137	..	416					
Geneva,	14	8	..	..	648	2866	69	15	636	40	16	150	46	9	405	301 17	" G. Rockwell
Total,	322	332	2	20	27,642	128,761	1759	1441	36,597	2394	350	8058	4286	434	23,448	$59,955 58	

No Report from the Classis of Michigan.

ARTICLE VII.

SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave to report:

That, having examined the Minutes of the General and Particular Synods, they find the following matters claiming the attention of this Synod:

On the Minutes of the General Synod they find nothing.

On the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New-York, on page 28, appears a reference from the Classis of New-York to General Synod for a definite interpretation of the rule in Sec. 10, Art. I., Chap. 2 of the Constitution, respecting members voting on appeals in the higher courts, who have voted in the lower.

On the same page, a request from the Classis of Bergen for a modification of the Statistical Tables, so as to dispense with the column, "Total of the Congregation."

On page 29, two Appeals of the Rev. John S. Ebaugh from the decision of the Particular Synod of New-York to this Synod.

Page 33, a reference to this Synod concerning the Hymn Book.

On the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, page 6, a request to General Synod from the Classis of Geneva to define more particularly

Resolved, That so much as relates to the reference from the Classis of ieva, and all matters in relation to appeals, be referred to the Com-:ee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the recommendation of certain ng men for aid in prosecuting their studies for the ministry, be referred he Committee on the Professorate.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of this Synod correspond with the ted Clerk of the Particular Synod of Albany, in relation to the errors id on the printed Minutes of the last session of said Synod, and en-ror to obtain all suitable corrections of the same.

'he Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported, and their ort was adopted, and is as follows:

'he Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business would report that appeals have been placed in their hands.

'*he first is an appeal* of John S. Ebaugh from a decision of the Par-lar Synod of New-York, which sustained the Classis of New-York in sing to entertain a complaint of Mr. Ebaugh against the Consistory he Collegiate Church of New-York, for neglect of duty as trustees ertain legacies. As Mr. Ebaugh has signified his wish to withdraw appeal, we would recommend that he have leave to do the same, his body has no jurisdiction in the case.

'*he second is an appeal* of John S. Ebaugh from a unanimous de-on of the Particular Synod of New-York, sustaining the Classis of v-York in suspending the appellant from the gospel ministry. The ers appear to be in order; and your Committee would recommend the owing order: 1st, The decision appealed from. (Minutes of Particu-Synod, May, 1853.) 2d, The appeal, and reasons of appeal. 3d, The owing documents in the case: *a* The original complaint, Minutes of sis, pages 450, 451. *b* Action of Committee on Overtures, page ; *c* Proceedings of Classis in the case, pages 449, 450. The same, es 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 18, 21, 23, 24, vol. 8. The parties to be heard he usual order.

Respectfully submitted.

E. S. PORTER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL APPEALS.

ynod took up the appeal of the Classis of New-York from the deci-, of the Particular Synod of New-York, in the case of Mr. Alfred hart.

'he President announced that the Synod was about to proceed to the sideration of judicial business, and enjoined upon the members to ard their characters as judges in the highest court of Jesus Christ wn to the constitution of the Reformed Dutch Church.

The Rev. T. W. Chambers was recognized as a Commissioner from the Classis of New-York; and the Rev. A. M. Mann, as Commissioner from the Particular Synod of New-York.

Synod considered the appeal in the following order:

1. The decision appealed from was read.

2. The appeal and reasons of appeal were read.

3. The documents in the case were read.

4. The Classis was heard in support of their appeal by their Commissioner.

5. Mr. Alfred Carhart, the original party before the Classis, was heard in person.

6. The Particular Synod of New-York were heard in explanation of the grounds of their decision by their Commissioner, the Rev. A. M. Mann.

7. The Classis were heard in reply by their Commissioner.

The parties having withdrawn, Synod proceeded to deliberate and decide. The roll was called for the purpose of giving the members an opportunity to express their opinion, when the following motion was made and seconded:

Resolved, That the appeal be sustained.

The question having been taken upon this motion, it was decided in the *affirmative*.

The parties having withdrawn, the Synod proceeded to deliberate and decide. The roll was called for the purpose of giving the members an opportunity to express their opinion, when the following motion was made and seconded:

Resolved, That the appeal of the Rev. John S. Ebaugh from the decision of the Particular Synod of New-York, confirming the decision of the Classis of New-York, in suspending him from the communion of the Church and from the gospel ministry, be sustained.

The question being taken on this motion, it was decided *unanimously in the negative.*

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Certain resolutions were offered, in relation to the action of the Consistories in reference to members who have removed from their bounds, but whose names are yet on their church records, which were referred to the Committee on the State of Religion.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Resolved, That a Committee of ten be appointed to take into consideration the whole subject of the Liturgy of our Church, and report such modifications as they may deem proper to the next General Synod; provided, however, that no alterations shall be made in the doctrinal sentiments contained in the forms now in use in the Church.

The ayes and nays on the question of the adoption of this resolution having been called for, were taken, and are as follows:

Ayes.

W. R. Gordon,	C. Van Santvoord,
C. C. Van Arsdale,	E. P. Stimson,
W. Woram,	L. Laflin,
P. M. Brett,	E. Nevius,
D. R. Hitchcock,	R. H. Steele,
J. H. M. Knox,	J. Parry,
E. F. Stewart,	J. D. Fonda,
S. Wyckoff,	B. Van Buren,
A. W. McClure,	W. D. Buckelew,
J. McFarlane,	P. D. Vroom,

Ayes.

W. J. R. Taylor,
J. West,
T. M. Strong,
T. Polhemus,
T. C. Strong,
E. S. Porter,
J. S. Himrod,
N. Wyckoff,
W. H. Ten Eyck,
A. M. Mann,
A. A. Willets,
J. Peters,
J. G. Voorhees,
J. N. Voorhees,
J. H. Pitcher,
J. H. Bevier,
J. L. See,
J. M. Prescott,
D. Kennedy,
S. Van Rensselaer,
J. F. Berg,
W. Hancock,
J. C. Van Liew,
W. Knox,
J. G. Van Vost,
R. Wells,
L. H. Van Dyke,
A. H. Myers,
A. Dubois,
S. W. Mills,
J. Steele,
C. A. Evans,
L. Preston,
J. J. Quick,
W. Pitcher,
B. Bassler,
J. A. Lansing,
A. T. Stewart,
T. F. Wyckoff,
C. Crosby.—60.

Nays.

J. B. Hardenbergh,
C. Wyckoff.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education was presented, ompanied with a digest of the sources from which the Funds have n received, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Education to inquire ether the terms of the Van Benschoten Bequest are carried out by our sent mode of admitting beneficiaries to the same.

The Fourteenth Annual Report of the General Synod's Board of Sab-h-school Union was presented, and referred to the Committee on ucation.

The Committee on Education reported, and their report was accepted, pted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Education beg leave respectfully to report:

That they have had submitted to them the subject of Parochial ools; the account current of B. L. Kip, Treasurer of the Education ard; the account of Isaac Young, Treasurer of the Education nd, with a list of the endowed scholarships; the Report of the Board Education; a communication to the Synod from the Secretary of the ard of Domestic Missions, and a resolution respecting the Van Ben-oten Bequest; they have given to these several subjects that attention ich the limited time would allow.

On the subject of Parochial Schools, it may be remembered that the od, at their last session, sent this question down to the lower icatories for an expression of their views respecting it. We find that the Classes within the bounds of the Particular Synod of Albany that e taken action on the subject, "with one voice report that the estab-ment of such schools is inexpedient and impracticable within their nds."

We also find that all the Classes within the bounds of the Particular od of New-York that have acted, have also "decided against the cticability of adopting the system." This view of the case is of itself ficient, in the opinion of the Committee, to show that it would be wise in the Synod to press the subject any farther.

There is, however, a proposition in the communication from the Classis New-York which merits a distinct notice. It appears that a liberal-aded "Friend" has devoted seven thousand dollars to the object of rochial Schools, and has conveyed this sum to the Treasurer of the od, as a trust fund, "with the understanding that the Synod shall, hin two years from the date of the grant, adopt and commence to ry into effect some general plan or system of parochial schools oughout their churches, as has been done in the Presbyterian Church, h such alterations in the same as the Synod may deem best;" and if od do not comply with these conditions, then, at the end of the l two years, "the aforesaid money and its increase shall be paid over the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church, now known as l School, for the benefit of parochial schools under their charge." h a donation, still further supported by a letter from the donor to Rev. Knox, *and by him laid* before the General Synod, is certainly entitled

to commendation; but your Committee, under the circumstances of the case, cannot see their way clear to recommend a compliance with his generous suggestions.

The system of common schools at present prevailing in our country, and in which the Bible is read and our common Christianity acknowledged, is productive of incalculable good; and your Committee are persuaded that the establishment of parochial schools throughout the churches would essentially, if not fatally, interfere with it. This important consideration is at least beginning to be perceived by many of the best friends of education. The example of churches in other and older countries, so often quoted, does not apply to our circumstances and condition as a people. We have work to do, and the means of doing it, which they had not. We have institutions to sustain, and the means of sustaining them, which they had not; and among our privileges which we consider as neither last nor least in value, is the wise provision made by our civil authorities for insuring a competent common school education to all our youth, which does not interfere with the peculiarities of the religious denomination to which they may belong, and yet recognizes our common Christianity as the great foundation of individual happiness and national prosperity. Your Committee are firmly persuaded, that while the State does not interfere with the appropriate duties of the Church, the Church, on the contrary, ought not to adopt any measure which will interfere with the interests to which the State is giving commendable attention, and which properly belong to her in her civil capacity.

Your Committee accordingly recommend the adoption of the following

port that "the accounts received concerning the character and conduct the beneficiaries are in all respects gratifying." They also state that ere has "accumulated in the hands of the Treasurer the unappropriated m of $2,000; and they submit to General Synod the following reso-ition:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Board be requested to pay over e above sum of $2,000 to the Treasurer of General Synod, to be invested for educational purposes; and in case it be not needed to eet present claims on the Board, that it be recommended to General ynod to endow therewith a scholarship, to be called the Livingston cholarship, after the late Professor John H. Livingston, D.D.

Your Committee fully appreciate the motives which dictate the disposi-on of these funds indicated in the latter part of the resolution, but for asons hereafter to be stated do not recommend the adoption of the me at present.

The report of which we are now speaking expresses "regret that there re so few in the Church who are seeking the gospel ministry." We el that this is a subject which demands the most serious consideration f the members of this Synod, and of the Church generally. The cause ay lie with the pastors of our churches. It may be with the parents of ur Zion. But wherever the cause is to be sought, the *fact* is one of omentous interest; and your Committee feel that the suggestion of e Board of Education is worthy of all attention, viz.: that "Synod rge upon the ministry of our Church the obligation which lies upon em in relation to this subject. They should see to it that they leave e church which they love in the hands of successors worthy of the oble heritage."

The communication from the Secretary of the Board of Domestic Mis-ons calls the attention of this Synod to a subject which merits careful onsideration. It appears from this communication that the colony f Hollanders in Michigan have an academy, the object of which "is to repare sons of the colonists from Holland to be educated in Rutgers ollege, N. J., (at the same time extending the benefit thereof also to thers of their sons,) and also to educate daughters of the said colonists the branches of study usually embraced in a female education in this ountry." This school is located in Holland, Ottawa county, Michigan, nd has been in operation since October 1st, 1851. It has for its Prin-ipal Mr. W. T. Taylor, for many years an elder of a Reformed Dutch hurch, a gentleman fully qualified for his work. He employs three ssistants. The number of pupils varies from 80 to 120; and of these, bout twenty have in view a course of study in our college at New-Bruns-ick, and some five or six of them, a course in our Theological Seminary. he sum of $1,200 annually "pays all expenses of instruction given by e Principal and the three assistants whom he employs." The propo-ition submitted to the Synod is "to make an entire transfer of the chool to the General Synod."

This proposition your Committee regard with favor. In the peculiar rovidence of God, these Holland brethren have been thrown into con-ection with us. They are as yet strangers, in a strange land; and hile becoming *assimilated* to our national institutions, it is all-important

that they be inspired with confidence in the Church with which they have become connected. There can be no more effectual way to accomplish this than by extending to them a fostering care, and making them feel that we look upon them as brethren.

They have shown an earnest desire to promote the cause of education among themselves. But their means are limited, and out of their poverty they have done what they could. Let us extend to them that aid which it is in our power to give, and we may confidently look for a blessing upon ourselves. Never has it failed of fulfilment, that they who water others shall themselves also be watered. After the most careful consideration of the subject, we have come to the conclusion that the $2,000 which the Board of Education report as having accumulated in their hands, and which they recommend to be invested for educational purposes, cannot be more wisely and beneficently appropriated than to be set apart for the support of the academy among the Hollanders, the interest annually to go to make up the salary of the teachers. We think that here is a *present* claim on the Board of Education which this Synod ought to recognize. It is expected that at the end of five years this school will be a self-sustaining one. If so, the capital sum could then be set apart to the endowment of the scholarship recommended by the Board of Education.

The communication of the Secretary gives the following reasons for the proposed transfer:

1. To place it in a position in which it shall not depend for its support and continuance upon the uncertain life of a single individual, as well

esolved, That the academy among the Hollanders in Michigan n under the care of this Synod.

esolved, That the accumulated sum of $2,000, reported by the of Education, be invested for the purpose of aiding this school. erest annually accruing to be paid towards the support of the of the same.

esolved, That the Board of Education be the appointed agents of nod to carry into effect the above resolutions, and that they be to take immediate measures to raise the full sum requisite to e salary of the teachers.

esolved, That whenever this school shall become a self-sustaining then the Board of Education invest the said sum of $2,000 for the ent of a scholarship, to be called the John H. Livingston Scholar- er the late Professor John H. Livingston, D.D.

spect to the resolutions concerning the Van Benschoten bequest, ld present the following statement of facts:

r the terms of the bequest, the Trustees of Rutgers College are the of the fund; but they must admit no beneficiaries to the fund as are recommended by General Synod.

cording to the plan of operations for the Board of Education as adopted by the General Synod, in session at Albany, June, e mode of admitting the beneficiaries is as follows:

pplicant having been examined, approved, and recommended by sis to which he belongs, must present his testimonials to an ing Committee of the General Synod, on whose further exami- nd recommendation he may be admitted to the benefit of the amed fund.

ermore, the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Semi- constituted a Standing Committee of the Synod for the fore- purposes. The question now raised is, whether this mode of n is agreeable to the terms of the bequest.

Committee are of opinion that it is.

Report of the General Synod's Sabbath-school Union shows that itution is in a prosperous condition. The labors of the Society een chiefly bestowed upon the schools in the connection of our urch," and, the Report states, in many cases with gratifying The general system of instruction indicated by a former Synod d in most of the schools, viz.: "instruction in the principles of uth as they are exhibited in the Catechism and other standards by the Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church." The Report ith great earnestness, the adoption of this system in every school eir charge. There are 163 schools connected with the Board, r are continually receiving accessions to the number. The De- of the Board is well supplied with Bibles, Testaments, and all ry books necessary for Sabbath-school purposes, together with ariety of library books, carefully selected.

isbursements during the year have exceeded the receipts; yet still a balance in the hands of the Treasurer.

Committee feel that this Society is worthy the coöperation and *of all the churches.*

The Report of which we are speaking, as we have seen, urges the importance of regular catechetical instruction. This subject, moreover, is brought to the attention of Synod by the Classis of New-York. They urge that the Protestant community should combine in two things:

1st. Resolutely to insist that the Bible be read in our schools.

2d. To require that all the schools surrender, as formerly was the case, Wednesday afternoon of each week to the catechising and religious instruction of the children by the pastors and other officers of the churches, in such manner as they shall deem proper.

The resolution in a former part of our Report sufficiently covers the first point.

The second suggestion, coming, as it does, with the authority of age and experience, should not be lightly thrown aside. And after giving it all the consideration in our power, your Committee cannot recommend its adoption in the form in which it appears in the communication from this Classis. We think that such a course would be impracticable, if not inexpedient. God hath spoken to us with no equivocal voice, it is true, on the subject of the religious education of our children. But in his wisdom he hath set apart one day in seven especially for the culture of religion in the heart, in the family, and in the Church; and while your Committee feel that the spirit of religion should pervade all our duties, and be with us an every-day matter of concern, yet they cannot see the propriety of taking the glory of the Sabbath wherewith to adorn one of the six days given to labor.

We are further of the opinion, that all necessity for action on this sub-

. George W. Bethune, D.D., John Knox, D.D., Benjamin C. Taylor,), Isaac Ferris, D.D., William R. Gordon, and Messrs. John S. Bussing, n M. Keese, Jacob Brown, Charles S. Little, George S. Conover, aham Van Nest, and John A. Gray.

Whereas, the Board of Managers of the General Synod's Sabbath-ool Union is, by its own Constitution, auxiliary to the American Sun-school Union; therefore,

Resolved, That, in accordance with the terms of the Constitution of the rd, the Treasurer of said Board be directed to pay over to the Treas-er of the American Sunday-school Union the balance now in the trea-y; and that such balances, as they may yearly accrue, be also thus ually transmitted to the American Sunday-school Union.

Resolved, That the Board also transmit every year to the American day-school Union a copy of the same Annual Report which they d up to the General Synod.

ARTICLE XIII.

RUTGERS COLLEGE.

A communication was received from the Librarian of Rutgers College, relation to the state of the Library, and also from the Committee on Library, asking an appropriation in behalf of the same, which was rred to the Committeee on the Professorate.

The following Report was received from the Standing Committee on tgers College:

The Committee on Rutgers College beg leave to report, that nothing e come before the Committee requiring the special action of the General nod. The term of service of the Rev. Isaac Ferris, D. D., expires at present meeting of the Synod.

In behalf of the Committee,
ISAAC FERRIS, *Chairman.*

Philadelphia, June 2, 1853.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to the vacancy in the Standing Committee on Rutgers College. On nting the ballots, it appeared that the Rev. Isaac Ferris, D. D., was cted.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

A communication was received from the Rev. Professor Campbell, in ation to the expenditure of the moneys appropriated by resolution of nod for the *purchase of books*, &c., to be used in the lecture-room of

the Professor of Biblical Literature, accompanied with vouchers, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Resolved, That the Committee on the Professorate be instructed to inquire whether the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary have power to authorize the students of that Institution to preach in the churches.

Resolved, That said Committee, in connection with the foregoing inquiry, be instructed to consider the expediency of modifying or rescinding the resolution adopted by General Synod, A.D. 1824, which forbids "the admission to the pulpits of the churches of students of theology, or any other persons not duly licensed to preach, lecture, or expound the Scriptures."

Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary whose term of service had expired. Nominations were received from the Classes of New-Brunswick, Paramus, Ulster, Greene, and North Classis of Long Island, which were confirmed. It was referred to the Committee on Nominations to report double the number of persons from whom to choose members for those Classes who have not nominated. The Committee reported, and the election took place accordingly.

The following are the persons chosen to fill the vacancies in Board of

ard, and is referred to in their report almost in a tone of sorrow and pondency — that is, the small number of young men in course of paration for the ministry. There were only twenty in attendance in several classes during the past year. This subject may well excite anxious solicitude of the Board and of General Synod. At a e when the Church is rapidly extending the bounds of her habita-n, when there is a greatly increasing demand for a well-educated l devoted ministry, and when the world is crying for more laborers gather the whitening harvest, to see our numbers growing less ruly alarming. We have hoped, that as in the commercial world the nand speedily calls forth the adequate supply, so the exigences of times would develop the resources of the Church, and multiply the mber of those who are ready to consecrate themselves to her service preachers of the gospel: and this hope has not entirely failed. At the t meeting of the Board, ten new names were added to the list of our neficiaries, and the applications for aid from our Education Funds are reasingly numerous.

Our Seminary is now furnished with a full complement of able and ll-qualified men, ready to devote their whole time and all their abilities the thorough theological training of all the young men the Church l send them. Let us look to the great Head of the Church to send th new laborers into his vineyard.

2. The Annual Digest exhibits the condition and management of our ds and pecuniary affairs as highly satisfactory and gratifying. The urities for our invested funds are all good and sound; the interest is nctually paid, and no losses have been sustained; and now, by care-ly abstaining from unnecessary expenses, and by strict economy in ry department, we may hereafter avoid a debt, and be able to strike a ance in our own favor at the close of every year — "a consummation routly to be wished." We have reason to congratulate ourselves that r Board of Direction is composed of men who are not only experienced anciers, but who are devoted to the best interests of the Church, and o watch over the funds intrusted to their care with as much zeal and igence as they bestow upon the management of their own affairs. The urch owes them a debt of gratitude which we trust the great King of n will award in the richest spiritual blessings. There is one item in list of securities which attracted the attention of Synod, and which the mmittee are requested to inquire into. It would appear from the report at the Board holds $2000 of the stock of the New-York and New-ven Railroad Company, a company who run their cars on the Sabbath. the Committee were entirely ignorant of the circumstances attending s investment, or how it came into the hands of the Board, the Treasurer General Synod was written to for information. The following extract m his answer will give to Synod a full history of the whole transaction: "By referring again to my accounts, the Committee will find that neral Synod hold two bonds (*not stock*) of the New-York and New-ven Railroad Company for $1000 each, which were delivered to nod by James Rogers, Jr., Esquire, in the month of September, 1849, found the scholarship in the Theological College called "The James gert, Junior, Second *Scholarship*," the income to be applied to the

support of a beneficiary, which has been done up to the present time. The principal of the bonds will be payable on the 1st December next, and as Mr. Bogert chose to give his money in this shape, it appears to me delicacy to him requires that it should be left in its present state until paid off."

Your Committee know of no action which the Synod could take which would in any way alter their relation to this endowment, or lessen their responsibility, except by refusing to hold the bonds; and as their time is so nearly expired, we would recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the whole subject be left to the Board of Direction.

3. In 1851 the General Synod authorized the Professor of Biblical Literature to draw on the Treasurer for a sum not exceeding $400, to be expended in supplying a deficiency of exegetical books and other conveniences for the comfort of the students in the lecture-room. During the last year, Dr. Campbell has expended $197 for the above purposes, and returned the balance, $203, to the Treasurer of Synod—for all of which he has sent vouchers that verify every item, and show that the money has been wisely appropriated and judiciously expended.

4. The Report of the Librarian represents the condition of the Library in a very favorable light. There have been considerable additions of valuable books during the year, and the whole number is now set down at seven thousand: this number ought to be multiplied many-fold. A large, well-selected library is of the greatest importance to our institution; and the Synod, while it records its thanks for the liberal contributions

xpress their ardent desire to have him licensed and installed as
astor.

s letter is endorsed and concurred in by the Rev. Wm. D. Hallock,
and A. R. Wetmore, Esq., of the American Tract Society, and also
Rev. J. C. Guldin, who is well qualified to judge in this case.
fore,

olved, That the Classis of New-York be authorized to examine Mr.
eart, and if in their judgment it will be for the good of the Church
e glory of God, to license him to preach the gospel and ordain him
work of the ministry.

Two resolutions were referred to the Committee, instructing them
uire whether the Board of Superintendents have power to authorize
udents to preach in the churches, and also the expediency of modi-
or rescinding the resolution of General Synod, A.D. 1824, which
the admission to the pulpits of the churches of students of theo-
r any other persons not duly licensed to preach, lecture, or expound
riptures.

Committee cannot ascertain that the Board of Superintendents
ver assumed the right to suspend or disregard the action of the
al Synod on this subject. The resolution of General Synod of 1824
ever been considered as prohibiting the members of the Senior Class
preaching sermons which have been approved by the Professors in
cinity of New-Brunswick. It is to be presumed that the Board is
s to act in accordance with the spirit and design of that resolution;
e only question seems to be, how far it is desirable that the mem-
f the Senior Class have some opportunity to exercise their gifts and
in preaching occasionally, not as licensed ministers, but as students
ology. Can we leave the subject in safer hands than the Board of
intendents, composed of a member from each Classis, of whom one
is elected annually? The Committee would advise the following
tion:

olved, That the attention of the Board of Superintendents be called
former action of the General Synod, in reference to the preaching
students of theology; that they endeavor to bring the practice
students into conformity with that action, as far as that is designed
vent them from preaching in the churches generally, or assuming
ice of the ministry, or visiting vacant churches as candidates before
are formally licensed.

Several of the Classes have sent to the General Synod a list of
of young men recommended for aid from the Educational Funds
Church. The Classes have forgotten that in 1851 the General
l constituted the Board of Superintendents a Committee of Exami-
, to whom every applicant is to be referred, and by whom alone
can be received. Therefore,

solved, That all the young men recommended by the Classes be
ed to the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary,
neet at New-Brunswick on the Tuesday before the third Wednesday
ly, 1853.

spectfully submitted.

RANSFORD WELLS, Chairman.

Whereas, Since the last meeting of the General Synod, it has pleased the great Head of the Church to remove by death the Rev. James Spencer Cannon, D. D., Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Pastoral Theology, and Church Government in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church; therefore,

Resolved, That, in token of respect for his piety, talents, and long services in the Church and her institutions, a monument, with a suitable inscription, commemorative of our venerable father, be placed over his grave, and that the Rev. Professors Van Vranken and Campbell and Ludlow be a committee to carry this resolution into effect.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATIONS.

Nothing occurred.

Resolved, That for this year the Sermon on Foreign Missions be de-
ed on Sabbath evening.

. letter was received from the Rev. J. Scudder, M. D., Missionary at
ras, which was referred to the Committee on Missions.

he Sermon in behalf of Foreign Missions was preached on the evening
he fifth day of the session, by the Rev. Samuel B. Howe, D. D., from
thew xxviii. 19: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing
n in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy
st."

he Committee on Missions reported, and their Report was accepted,
pted, and is as follows:

Foreign Missions.

n the Arctic regions, where the year consists of six months' day and
nonths' night, when the long period of darkness is drawing to its close,
chmen are stationed on the tops of the loftiest hills, that they may
ry at a distance the first faint beams of morning, and give notice to
inhabitants around. While the sentinel is on his post, the anxious
ulation seem to be continually issuing the challenge, "Watchman,
t of the night?" And when the cry is heard, "The morning cometh!"
the messenger is seen retracing his steps to bring the joyful news,
w beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth this
l tidings!" The day is not far distant when every nation that is now
eathenism and error will raise the shout, "How beautiful upon the
ntains are the feet of him that bringeth glad tidings, that speaketh
e, that saith to Zion, Thy God reigneth." Impatient of the darkness
hich they have been sitting, and eager for deliverance from the use-
and oppressive burdens to which they have been subjected, they will
with gladness the approach of those who come to minister to their
f. Even now, in regions where the sound of the gospel has never
been heard, the hearts both of priests and people are relaxing their
p upon their idols, and showing their weariness of the senseless rites
hich for ages they have been wedded.

The kingdoms of the world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord
of his Christ," is a prediction that must be verified. The mouth of the
l hath spoken it; his hand is in the work, and who can stay its pro-
s? The Church, his chosen agency among men, is moving on every
for its accomplishment, and the obstacles which threatened to hinder
sh at her approach. Fresh avenues are constantly opening up, and
missionary has ready access to those points where his efforts can be
nded with the greatest profit, and his influence be exercised over the
est sphere. His watch-fires are lighted, and his work is progressing
ll the great continents, and among the isles of the sea; and though
ncounters opposition, is bowed down by trial, and tastes the bitterness
isappointment, he has his supports, consolations, successes and tri-
hs. Every communication that reaches us from abroad, brings
gs that cheers our hearts, and animates us to increased activity in
work of the *Lord*.

But while facilities for advancing the work are multiplying; while new fields open up, old ones are seeking to be reïnforced, and ample means exist to meet the necessary expenses, the laborers are diminishing. "The number of youth," says the Report of our Foreign Board, "training for the ministry, in the various literary and theological institutions of the different Christian denominations in our land, remains not only stationary, but appears to have diminished in a small degree." This is an alarming fact, and one that calls to deep humiliation, and earnest and prayerful inquiry. Why this frowning aspect of Providence towards his Church? Is it because she has failed in her duty with respect to the missionary work; not prosecuting it to an extent proportioned to its claims, and to her own ability; or prosecuting it in a wrong spirit? Where is the reflex influence of the work, which is so often adverted to as an incentive to the promotion of it?

To this fact we owe that anomaly in the history of Missions which Borneo presents — a field taken up, and cultivated to something like a show of beauty and an approach to fruitfulness, and then abandoned. Is this, the first and long the favorite station of the Reformed Dutch Church, endeared by the toil, and tears, and prayers which have been expended on it, to be given over to desolation? We would press the inquiry upon the young men now training in our Seminary, and beg them to carry it with them to their closets; and as they lift up their hearts before God, let them ask: "Whom wilt thou have to go, and whom wilt thou send?" And if they are ready to abide the issue, we will no longer be obliged to sorrow

s, the whole number admitted from the beginning of the mission being enty-three. Services are regularly held by both missionaries, in two ices, and two sermons are preached by each on every Lord's day." ble-classes and prayer-meetings are held, and a female prayer-meeting maintained, with an attendance of fifty. The place is one of growing portance because of its commercial advantages, and needs a strong sionary force to cultivate it to the extent of which it is capable. The thren there are overtasked, and must sooner or later utterly fail in alth, if left without support. "There must," says the Report of our ard, "be an enlargement of the number of missionaries at this point. all our churches be deaf to the call? If so, other sources must yield supply."

The whole sum received into the treasury during the year past has n $10,957 76, being an increase of $596 36 over the last year. The mmitttee would recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we view with sorrow and alarm the want of sufficient sionary spirit in our churches.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the ministry of our Church that, their monthly concert for prayer, they make it a special subject of reaty with God, that he would give to parents and their children in our urches a missionary spirit, that the one may be willing to consecrate ir children to the work, and the other be ready to embrace it.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary of our Foreign Board be uested to visit the Theological Seminary of our Church in the course the coming year, and present the claims of the missionary work, and e upon their prayerful consideration the inquiry whether they are not led of God to preach the gospel among the heathen.

In accordance with the vote of General Synod which referred to the mmittee on Missions the matter of appropriating $400 annually for support of a professorship among the Waldenses at Latour, in dmont, the Committee would recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of Dr. De Witt and Elders Van se and C. F. Crosby, be authorized to raise, by contributions from mbers of the Dutch Church, the sum of $400, to be appropriated to support of a Professor in the Waldensian College of Latour.

Domestic Missions.

The Report of your Board of Domestic Missions was read by your mmittee with grateful hearts. This is a day of glad tidings with rect to the state of things around us. The burden of our Reports herto has been the insensibility and indifference of the churches to work of evangelizing our own home. And still there are those who, m some unassigned cause, do not enlist in the work as they ought. t the number is rapidly decreasing, and we trust that in the Report of other year no place will be found for them. Charity certainly begins, it does not terminate, at home; and that is a poor principle which ishes every thing upon institutions and interests abroad, while it glects the family circle. Our condition as a denomination is such, that

but two alternatives are presented us. We must either multiply our members and extend the circle of our communion, or we must be merged in some large and growing denomination around us. In this day of agitation and progress, it is impossible to remain stationary. If we do do not make vigorous efforts to sustain and strengthen ourselves, others will encroach upon us, and swallow us up. And shall she who was the first Protestant Reformed Church in this wide land; she who was among the first to proclaim toleration; who has ever contended earnestly and honestly for the faith delivered to the saints, and has never ceased to preach the truth as it is in Jesus; shall she yield to such an alternative! Were we destitute of the necessary means, or deficient in energy for the employment of them, we might fold our hands and submit to the issue that awaited us. But the Report of our Board tells us that our means have been increased almost one third beyond those of the former year. $10,596 93 are the receipts of the previous year, while those of the past are $14,939 71; giving a difference of $4,343 78 in favor of the present year. It tells us, too, that six new houses of worship have been built; that five hundred have been added to our communion; that three hundred and fifty have been received on certificate; that three churches have given notice that they would need no further aid; that five churches have been organized; that sixty Sabbath-schools have been in operation, three thousand children have been taught; that $864 has been paid into the treasury, and $1089 for benevolent purposes.

With such results before us, can we hesitate as to where the finger of duty points? Let the Board go forward in their work of establishing and

apable with ourselves of profiting by the blessings of salvation. Our Iolland brethren must ever be doubly dear to us, for they are our kinsnen according to the flesh, as well as our brethren in the Lord. It is mpossible, in justice to other claimants, to meet all their necessities, but much has been done to place them, in their respective settlements, in ircumstances of increasing comfort. They are justly entitled to a large hare in the sympathies and affections of the Church, and this, your Iommittee trust, will be accorded to them in a way that will contribute o their permanent improvement. Our German brethren, like those of Iolland, are in a strange land, and feel the pressure of circumstances, and one can more appropriately minister to their relief than ourselves. Nor have they been overlooked. We refer to the published Report for ll other particulars relating to the Domestic work, for there they are etailed with all necessary clearness. Let this Report be circulated iberally among the churches, and pains be taken by the ministry to direct he attention of our churches to it. Its influence must be widely and rofitably felt. We trust there will be no longer need to reiterate from reek to week the claims of this great work upon our churches; that ereafter no black list of defaulters will be found in our circle, to call orth reproof. We trust the cause of Missions, both on the Foreign and he Domestic field, has become so embalmed in the hearts of all throughut the Church, that its ministry and its members will henceforth and or ever regard it as one of the great purposes which they live to promote, nd that they will do what they can to strengthen the hands of the Misionary Boards which have been constituted their organs for the conduct f the missionary work. When we thus with one heart and mind give urselves to the restoring of others, then may we hope to be ourselves estored.

Resolved, That there be added to the contributions of the Church, one o be called a collection for the benefit of the Extension Fund, to be taken p in the course of the year, at the convenience of the churches.

A communication from the Domestic Board has been put into the ands of your Committee, recommending a change in the times of meetngs of the Board, to accommodate its members.

Resolved, That, in accordance with this recommendation, the time of the neetings of the Board be altered from the first Tuesday to the first Monlay after the meetings of the Executive Committee, and from the second Tuesday after the adjournment of the General Synod to the second Monday.

All which is respectfully submitted.

M. W. DWIGHT, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That in reference to the matter on which our missionary, Dr. Scudder, asks the advice of this Synod, the Corresponding Secretary of he Board of Foreign Missions be requested to inform him that the Synod cannot legislate on such an abstract point, and that he be recommended to refer the question to the Classis which is proposed to be rganized in India.

The Committee *on Nominations* having reported, Synod proceeded to

fill the places of those in the Board of Foreign Missions whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen, viz.: Rev. Isaac Ferris, D. D., John M. Macaulay, George H. Fisher, D. D., and Messrs. William B. Crosby and W. W. Townsend.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Domestic Missions whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen, viz.: Rev. George H. Fisher, D. D., John Garretson, Thomas C. Strong, Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., Talbot W. Chambers, and Messrs. James Suydam, Benjamin C. Miller, and E. F. Stuart.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect individuals to preach the Annual Missionary Sermons, the Synod proceeded to the election; when the Rev. George W. Bethune, D. D., was chosen *Primarius* to preach the sermon on the subject of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. Joseph F. Berg, D. D., *Secundus*. The Rev. Alexander McClelland, D. D., was chosen *Primarius* to preach the sermon in behalf of Domestic Missions; and the Rev. John C. Van Liew, *Secundus*.

ARTICLE XIX.

WIDOWS' FUND.

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tions, now held by the Board, whose trains run on the Sabbath, and reïnvest the proceeds in some other safe and less objectionable securities.

Whereas, for many years past, the last Thursday of February has by many evangelical churches been, with evident blessing of God, observed as a day of Prayer for Colleges; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod recommend a more faithful observance of this day of prayer for colleges and academical schools, and that exercises be held on that day in our various churches, as far as practicable.

A communication was received from John Romeyn Brodhead, Esq., presenting to the Synod a copy of his recently published "History of New-York,"—whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Rev. W. J. R. Taylor and J. F. Berg be appointed a committee to draft a minute expressive of the sense of the Synod on the reception of this volume.

The Committee reported, and their Report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the volume presented to Synod by Mr. Brodhead, recommend the following:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby acknowledge the gift of Mr. Brodhead, and tender him their thanks for his valuable work.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk communicate to Mr. Brodhead a certified copy of this action.

W. J. R. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

Resolved, That steps be taken by the proper authorities to have the style and title of this Corporation amended, by omitting the word "Dutch." The resolution was referred to a special Committee, consisting of the Rev. J. H. M. Knox, E. S. Porter, and the Elder R. H. Gleason.*

The Committee reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed to consider the resolution directing "steps to be taken by the proper authorities to have the style and title of this Corporation amended by omitting the word 'Dutch,'" beg leave respectfully to report, that in their judgment such amendment is most desirable and necessary to the progress of the denomination. To this conclusion they have been brought by many considerations, out of which they select a few and present them to the Synod.

The proposition to amend the name of the denomination is not a new one. If we do not mistake, more than once before it has occupied the attention of the Synod; for years it has been the subject of much and anxious thought on the part of the ministry and others who feel a deep

* The Elder R. H. Gleason having obtained leave of absence, the Elder Nicholas Wyckoff was appointed *in his place.*

interest in the welfare of this branch of Zion. Our religious journal, as at the present time, so in much of the time which is past, has had its columns taken up with discussions of this subject; and most certainly the result which has been reached is a desire, we think, very general, to get rid of the word Dutch as the distinguishing appellation of the Church. The designation, it is thought, has accomplished its design. In the early planting of the Church in this country, such an appellation may have been proper. The reason of its adoption is at least apparent. The nationality of the founders corresponded with the historic origin and genius of the Church. The name "Dutch" then had an historic significance; it awakened or kept alive associations which were the exponents of a common life of trials and glory. Now it is otherwise: the Church numbers but few, if any, who have a personal connection with the history of the Fatherland. The connection is ancestral; and those reasons which formerly existed to keep alive national recollections, that were embalmed by the Church's heroism and suffering, have ceased to operate.

Again, the fact is incontrovertible that a national designation must measurably retard the growth of the denomination: while it appeals to those sentiments that are amongst the strongest and most responsive of the human heart, the effectiveness of the appeal is limited by that very fact. The philosophy of this statement is simple. A national designation, if it be expressive, must be historic; hence they only who have such associations, either directly or by descent, can be legitimately expected to yield to its influence. May not the reason for the slow expansion of our Church be discovered here? We have adopted that as a badge which

we regard her style and title as a serious obstacle. In the same localities, other denominations whose names denote their characters will be built up and permanently established; while ours is expending her energies in battling with prejudice and gaining an equal vantage-ground upon which to expand. But what reason is there for retaining the word Dutch? To drop it will not give up the history of the Church to oblivion. We could advise no act which would produce such a result; her history is too glorious to be disparaged. Let her fiery trials and martyrdoms, her earnest and successful defense and illustration of the principles of civil and religious liberty, be sacredly prized; let them be transmitted as lessons of heroism and faith to every successive generation of her sons. History will not let them die: she has emblazoned them in ineffaceable characters upon her tablets. Whatever glory she possesses she has won by a fearless defense of the truth, and a stern resistance to tyranny; and as long as liberty and truth endure, so long will her fame illustrate them both. Why then retain the word? we ask again, in the name of our Church. All that it can do in keeping alive the association to which we have referred, it has done, and no longer for this purpose is it needful; and its retention for every other end is positively hurtful. Let us, then, drop it. Of this we are sure, that its omission in the name of the Church can be productive of no lasting evil, as its retention must be. The Presbyterian Church of this country lost nothing by not flouting the name of Scotland upon her banner; but has gathered to herself the more of popular sympathy by her freedom from foreign associations. Even the Episcopal Church, wedded to State Establishments through its entire history, and hence naturally inclined to adopt national designations, in this country has been induced, by a regard to her growth and influence, to drop a name that is almost identical with her order in modern times. And the result has proved the wisdom of the measure. Who does not know that for that Church to call herself the English Church would most surely forthwith arrest her progress, if indeed it did not contract her present limits? And if we persist in calling our Church the Dutch Church, the result is an easy one to foretell.

Already, what are the facts in the case?—for we are not here left to abstract reasoning. What is the one voice we hear on this subject from all directions? Is it not that the word Dutch in our name is a sad hindrance to our progress? Even in intelligent minds intimately acquainted with the history and theological genius of our Church, there seems associated with her national name the idea that she is conservative of all the usages and language of the Fatherland, and has not adapted herself to American sympathies. This is especially felt in new localities where the denomination is attempting the work of aggression: in such places the name is found to be an obstacle to progress, greater than all other obstacles combined. But the difficulty arising from this cause is not confined to new regions; even in the original settlements by Hollanders in this country, and where for a long period the Dutch Church was the predominating denomination, giving character to social, political, and religious life, it seems not to have maintained its position, but rather fallen in the rear of denominations of a much later date; as let New-York, Brooklyn, *and Albany testify*; and still more, the fact that our denomina-

tion, which, from the early date of its first establishment, the social position and wealth of its founders, should have and might have been second in importance to none, has become among the very least of the branches of the Church.

A single other remark: The present state of things in our Church; the difficulty and almost impossibility, arising chiefly out of the name of our denomination, of carrying forward the work of extension, bears with special hardness upon the young—and of those, upon the youthful ministry. We believe it has driven many away from the institutions of our Church, and led them to seek the ministry in another denomination whose creed and polity are identical with our own; and we believe that it is repressing the energies and zeal of many of this class who are with us, it is true, but who labor under a sense of an incubus, the existence of which they deeply regret, but which they cannot remove.

Looking into the future, the Committee see a necessity for omitting the word Dutch: it is no longer in their judgment a question—it is a necessity. The Church must expand, if she would live; and every year the present name is kept, the probability of her expansion, and consequently of her life, diminishes. Shall it, then, be retained?

They recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved. That the several Classes be required to send up to General Synod, at its next meeting, by letters to the Stated Clerk, their views as to the expediency of amending the style and title of this Church, so that it read, "The Reformed Protestant Church in North America."

All which is respectfully submitted.

$5; large size imitation morocco, gilt edged, $1 87½ cts.; genuine Turkey, $2 25; extra, $2 50; super extra, $3.

We would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Direction be authorized by this Synod to contract with Mr. Mentz for printing the above-named styles of Hymn Book, for five years, beginning with the expiration of the present contract; and that they require of Mr. Mentz a reduction on the price of books now in his possession and remaining unsold, to the aforesaid schedule of rates, which reduction shall begin on the 1st day of July next; and that in case any changes should be made in the Liturgy, such alterations shall be printed without increasing the afore-mentioned prices.

We have examined the communication of Rev. Mr. Guldin, respecting a German Hymn Book, and would recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That Rev. Mr. Guldin, Rev. Dr. Berg, and Rev. Mr. Berky, be a Committee to select and arrange the materials for such book; and that they submit the same to Rev. Drs. De Witt, Wm. H. Campbell and John Proudfit; and when approved by them, the Board of Direction be authorized to make a contract for having them printed without delay.

Respectfully submitted.

E. S. PORTER, *Chairman.*

A letter was received from the Directors of the "Academy of Fine Arts," inviting the members of the Synod to visit their Academy; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be returned to the Directors of the Academy for their polite invitation, and that the Synod will avail themselves of the privilege thus tendered to them.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to have five hundred blank notices to members elected to the several Boards of the Synod, printed, and that the Treasurer pay the expense of the same.

The Rev. Jacob West, John L. See, and the Elder William S. Ross, were appointed a Committee of Canvass, to whom the ballots, cast for filling vacancies in the several Boards of the Synod, for corresponding delegates, and for persons to preach the missionary sermons, were committed, who reported the result of the election.

A letter was received from Dr. J. Livingston Ludlow, inviting the members of the Synod, in the name of the Director of the United States Mint, to visit that Institution on the eighth day of the session; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Synod will accept of this invitation, and that their thanks be returned to the Director of the Mint for his politeness.

A letter was received from Rev. Dr. Ducachet, Rector of St. Stephen's Church in this city, to visit the monumental statuary deposited in said church; *whereupon it was*

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be returned to Dr. Ducachet, and that they will accept his kindly invitation.

Resolved, That the Synod highly approve the action of the Committee appointed last year in reference to the *Christian Intelligencer*, and take pleasure in expressing their satisfaction with the general spirit of the paper, as at present conducted.

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of the Rev. Thomas C. Strong, William J. R. Taylor, and A. W. McClure, and the Elders Samuel B. Schieffelin and Clarkson F. Crosby, be appointed to inquire into the practicability of establishing a permanent Board, to be called the "Board of Publication of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church," the object of which shall be to print and publish, or furnish at the lowest practicable prices, for general circulation and the service of the churches, such works pertaining to the history, government, doctrines, and religious literature of our own Church, and of other evangelical churches, as shall be properly approved.

Resolved, That said Committee shall report to the next General Synod; and if in their opinion it shall be expedient and practicable to organize such a Board, that they submit a plan for the same.

ARTICLE XXI.

and foreign lands; and it would earnestly commend its claims to all our churches, for their confidence and efficient coöperation.

Resolved, That this Synod welcome with the warmest Christian affection and regard the Rev. Mr. Revel, the Moderator of the Waldensian Synod; that they have heard with much pleasure his statements in regard to that ancient and deeply interesting Church; and we would hereby express our sympathy in their behalf, and assure them of the confidence and high regard which the Reformed Dutch Church of North America entertains for them, and earnestly commend the claims of said Church to the confidence and liberality of the churches under our care.

The Rev. N. W. Goertner, an Agent of the American Tract Society, at his request addressed the Synod on the fourth day of the session on the operations of that institution. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the subject be referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. J. H. M. Knox, E. S. Porter, and the Elder Clarkson F. Crosby.

The Committee reported, recommending the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the American Tract Society be commended to the favor of the churches, as an important instrumentality in spreading the knowledge of the truth.

A communication was received from the Corresponding Secretary of the Pennsylvania Colonization Society, in relation to operations in behalf of African Colonization, which having been read, it was

Resolved, That the cause of African Colonization be recommended to the practical sympathy of the congregations within our bounds.

ARTICLE XXII.

PASTORAL LETTER.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

Philadelphia, June 9, 1853.

The Committee on Accounts beg leave respectfully to present the following report: That they have examined the various items presented to them, and recommend the following to be paid, viz.:

The doorkeeper's bill, amounting to $19 47.

The bill for printing from Mr. Wm. S. Young, $2 25.

Respectfully submitted.

J. WEST, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXV

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish 1100 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be given to the Consistory of the Third Reformed Dutch Church of Philadelphia, for their kindness and marked attention to the members of the Synod.

Resolved, That for the generous provision made for the members of Synod by the Reformed Dutch churches of this city, and for the polite attentions of the families with whom it has been our pleasure to sojourn during our session, this Synod unanimously return a vote of thanks.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be hereby expressed to the various public institutions for the advancement of science and art, for their kind invitations and courtesy to the Synod.

Agreeably to the standing rule of Synod, the roll was called at the

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NEW-YORK:
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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

F THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA, CONVENED IN THE CITY OF HUDSON, ON WEDNESDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR. THE SESSION CONTINUED FROM THE SEVENTH TO THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF JUNE, INCLUSIVE.

Formation of Synod.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

IN the absence of the President, the Synod was opened with prayer the Rev. Joseph F. Berg, D.D., the Assessor of the last General nod, who preached a sermon on the evening of the first day of the ssion, from Phil. 2 : 9–11 : "*Wherefore God also hath highly exalted n and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, d things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that rus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

From the Particular Synod of New-York.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*—Rev. Thomas DeWitt, D.D.,(*h*) orge H. Fisher, D.D. *Elders*—Charles H. Amerman, Abraham n Nest.(*m*)

(*h*). Succeeded, on the seventh day of the session, by his *secundus*, Rev. Talbot Chambers, D.D.

(*m*) Succeeded, *on the eighth* day of the session, by his secundus, the Elder John lamater.

2. *From the South Classis of New-York.*—Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, D.D., Cornelius D. Westbrook, D.D.(*k*) *Elder*—Jacob B. Wood.(*e*)(*k*)

3. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*—Rev. John Proudfit, D.D. Samuel M. Woodbridge, John DeWitt.(*a*) *Elders*—Abraham V. H. Willis,(*j*) Thomas Talmage.(*e*)

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*—Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D., Isaac S. Demund,(*g*) Gustavus Abeel, D.D. *Elders*—John Brinkerhoff,(*j*) William H. Kirk,(*j*) Jacob Vreeland.

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*—Rev. John H. Duryea, Ebenezer Wiggins.(*e*) *Elders*—

6. *From the South Classis of Long-Island.*—Rev. Abraham I. Labagh,(*k*) J. Paschal Strong. *Elders*—Simon Cortelyou, Adriance Van Brunt, James Myers.(*a*)

7. *From the North Classis of Long-Island.*—Rev. James Demarest, John L. McNair, William H. TenEyck.(*d*) *Elders*—

8. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. D. McL. Quackenbush, Peter Stryker, Charles S. Hegeman. *Elders*—John Wiltse, Martin

13. *From the Classis of Westchester.*—Rev. Peter H. Burghardt, seph A. Collier, John M. Ferris. *Elders*—Albert Chrystie,(*k*) arles Dusenberry, Sanford Cobb.(*e*)(*k*)

From the Particular Synod of Albany.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*—Rev. John Simonson, Benjamin F. rden, Jacob Van Vechten, D.D.(*e*) *Elders*—Hugh A. Mosher, lliam Radley, Theodore F. Cornell.(*e*)

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*—Rev. John C. F. Hoes, D.D.,(*c*) exander Gulick, Alexander C. Hilman. *Elders*—Jacob Burs,(*c*) Luther Lafflin.(*k*)

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*—Rev. Cyril Spaulding, Jacob H. n Woert.(*b*) *Elder*—Martinus Lansing.(*k*)

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*—Rev. John B. Shaw,(*c*) Samuel Searle, Polhemus Van Wyck. *Elders*—Lodovicus S. Viele, John rhune.(*j*)

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*—Rev. Joseph Knieskern, Adam Van Vranken.(*k*) *Elders*—Cornelius Runkle, James Yauney.

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*—Rev. William G. E. See, Edwin dder, Isaac M. See. *Elders*—Henry J. Warner, James Lewis,(*k*) lam H. Hagar.

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*—Rev. Julius H. Seelye,(*n*) yn Talmage,(*k*) Abraham H. Myers. *Elders*—John D. Ogsbury, hn Sanders.

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*—Rev. J. Romeyn Berry. *Elders*—orge M. Weaver,(*k*) Nathan T. Graves.(*j*)

9. *From the Classis of Orange.*—Rev. Robert P. Lee, William S. ore. *Elders*—Amos Millspaugh, Abraham B. Rapalje.

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a) Took his seat on the first day of the session.
c) Obtained leave of absence on the third day of the session.
k) Obtained leave of absence on the eighth day of the session.
b) Took his seat on the second day of the session.
j) Obtained leave of absence on the seventh day of the session.
k) Obtained leave of absence on the eighth day of the session.
n) Succeeded, on the eighth day of the session, by his secundus, Rev. N. D. lliamson.
) *Took his seat on the sixth day of the session.*

10. *From the Classis of Greene.*—Rev. John Minor, Henry Eckel,(c) and Philip Peltz. *Elders*—John A. Greene,(k) Samuel Gates,(f) Anthony Van Bergen.

11. *From the Classis of Michigan.*—Rev. David McNeish, John N. Schultz, Frederic P. Beidler.(j)

12. *From the Classis of Watervliet.*—Rev. John J. Quick,(d) Oscar H. Gregory, D.D.,(d) Theodore F. Wyckoff.(e) *Elders*—Charles Easton,(e) Samuel Crawford.(e)

13. *From the Classis of Geneva.*—Rev. George J. Van Nest,(k) George Rockwell, Jacob R. Van Arsdale. *Elder*—Lewiz J. Hasbrouck.

14. *From the Classis of Holland.*—Rev. A. C. Van Raalte. *Elders*—

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, D.D., was chosen *President;* the Rev. David D. Demarest, *Adjunct;* and the Rev. Messrs. J. Paschal

Acts of the Synod.

ARTICLE I.

ORDERS AND RULES.

ı were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ollowing were appointed:

he Professorate.—Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, Isaac S. Demund, C. Boice; and the Elders, Abraham Van Nest and Anthony rgen.

ynodical Minutes.—Rev. John C. F. Hoes, Samuel Wood- and Cyril Spaulding; and the Elders, Charles H. Amerman ob Burhans.

Missions.—Rev. George H. Fisher, Charles S. Hageman, and eyn Berry; and the Elders, Charles Dusenbury and Lodovicus .

he State of Religion.—Rev. Gustavus Abeel, Peter Stryker, ilip Peltz; and the Elders, Albert Chrystie and David C.

ccounts.—Rev. Abraham H. Myers, Abraham I. Labagh, and us Van Wyck; and the Elders, John Wiltse and John Ter-

vertures and Judicial Business—Rev. Robert P. Lee, Goyn e, and James Demarest; and the Elders, A. V. H. Willis and . Hasbrouck.

orrespondence.—Rev. Joseph F. Berg, Cornelius D. West- nd Thomas DeWitt; and the Elders, Adriance Van Brunt nuel Gates.

Education.—Rev. John Proudfit, David D. Demarest, and McNeish; and the Elders, Luther Lafflin and Simon Cortelyou.

ominations.—Rev. J. Mason Ferris, John Minor, and D. Mc ckenbush, and the Elders Samuel S Schriver and Charles

he Widows' Fund.—Rev. John H. Duryea, John G. Johnson, A. Van Raalte; and the Elders, John Sanders and William usen.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received, signed John S. Ebaugh, purporting to be a complaint against the Classis of New-York, which was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

A report was received from the Committee appointed to select and arrange the materials for a German Hymn-Book, (See Minutes, p. 381.) which was accepted and is as follows:

The Hymn-Book selected and arranged by the Rev. Mr. Guldin, Rev. Dr. Berg, and Rev. Mr. Berky, the Committee appointed by the General Synod, has been submitted, according to direction, to the Committee named for examination, and approved. The Committee, on a general examination, are satisfied of the care and fidelity with which the Hymn-Book has been prepared, and recommend it for publication.

THOMAS DEWITT, *President.*

A communication was received from the licentiate, Mr. T. R. G. Peck, who has received and accepted a call to the Church of Richmond, Staten Island, requesting a dispensation in his behalf of the knowledge of the Hebrew language, which was referred to the Com-

After prayer by Rev. I. N. Wyckoff, D.D., the Board was organized by the election of Rev. J. C. Sears, D.D., as President, and Rev. Martin L. Schenck, Clerk, *pro tem.*

The following members of the Board were present:

Rev. Isaac Ferris, D.D.,	Rev. Martin L. Schenck,
" J. C. Sears, D.D.,	" John M. Ferris,
" I. N. Wyckoff, D.D.,	" Richard H. Steele,
" Ransford Wells, D.D.,	" Garret L. Roof,
" T. W. Chambers,	" Nicholas D. Williamson.
" Aaron B. Winfield,	" John Whitbeck,
" Wm. V. V. Mabon,	" Samuel W. Mills,
" Abraham I. Labagh,	" Philip Peltz,
" Thomas C. Strong,	" John Van Liew,
" Cornelius Van Cleef,	" Henry Morris,
" John C. Cruikshank,	" Oscar H. Gregory.

There have been in attendance upon the instructions of the Professors during the year, the following young gentlemen:

Of the Senior Class.

Joachim Elmendorf,	Nathan W. Jones,	John L. McNair,
Joseph H. Kershow,	William G. E. See,	Charles I. Shepard.
Stephen Searle, Jr.,		

Of the Middle Class.

Edward P. Terhune, of the Presbyterian Church,

Ezra W. Collier,	Gilbert Laue,	Aaron L. Stilwell,
Nelson Stout,	William W. Letson,	John Muller.

Of the Junior Class.

John Van Vleck,	F. J. Schneeweiss,	Ezekiel C. Scudder.
John A. DeBaun,	J. S. Joralemon,	Herman Schnellendreussler,
Cornelius L. Wells,	Edward P. Livingston,	
Jared W. Scudder,	Francis N. Zabriskie,	Leopold Mohn.

To the diligence and Christian consistency of all these young gentlemen the Professors in their report bear honorable and unanimous testimony.

It will be perceived that there has been a considerable accession to the numbers of the Seminary since the previous year. It is a gratifying fact that of these four are Germans who, we may hope, will be duly furnished for preaching the Gospel in their own language to this numerous and interesting class of our extending population. But it is still evident that fresh and wider efforts are needed in every direction for multiplying the supply for the pressing demands of the Church and the age. There is no one subject that calls for the attention of Classes and Consistories more importunately than the means of reaching the sources of this supply in the very bosom of our congregations and families. The facilities for education, the liberality of the Churches and Boards, *the calls of the* home and foreign fields, together with the

wants of churches already established, should lead to the adoption of every method to enlarge the number of the students in the Theological Seminary.

In addition to didactic and polemic theology the examinations were conducted in the several departments of the Hebrew and Greek languages, Jahn's Antiquities, Biblical Criticism, including the Canon of Scripture and the Exegesis of the Epistle to the Romans, Church History and Church Government. Owing to the fact of its being the first year of the Professors' connection with the Seminary there was no examination upon the branch of Pastoral Theology.

Leopold Mohn was examined in the studies of the second year, to which he had been attending in accordance with the usual precedent in those cases where the student is not on the ground in time to commence the studies of the junior year.

Specimens of sermons by the Middle and Senior Classes were laid on the table for inspection, and the members of the Senior Class were examined upon their personal experience, views in entering the ministry, and style of preaching.

All the above examinations were sustained, after which the Professors were ordered to give the usual certificate to the following young gentlemen:

Joachim Elmendorf,	William G. E. See,	John L. McNair,
Joseph H. Kershow,	Nathan W. Jones,	Charles I. Shepard.
Stephen Searle,		

In reference to the preaching of Theological students referred to the ard by the General Synod, (see Minutes of Synod, 1853, p. 369,) e following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the resolutions of the Board of 1851 be rescinded.
2. *Resolved*, That the students of the Senior Class be permitted to each such sermons as are approved by the Theological Faculty in e city of New-Brunswick, and at such time and in such places as at they may be reached and returned from without rendering sence from any of the exercises of the Seminary necessary.
3. *Resolved*, That no student of the Senior Class shall be allowed to cept of any invitation to preach without the consent of one or more the Professors.
4. *Resolved*, That as the Rule of Synod passed in 1824 forbids Constories to invite students to preach in their churches when vacant, so be positively enjoined upon the students not to preach in any vacanes, under pain of censure from the Board.
5. *Resolved*, That the students of the Middle and Junior Classes all under no circumstances be allowed to preach in any pulpit.
6. *Resolved*, That the Theological Faculty be directed to inform e students of the Seminary of these resolutions, to attend to their ecution, and that they report to the Board every case of the violaon of said rules.

Recommendations.

1. That the Synod direct the applicants for aid from the funds to on the ground on the first day of the Session to avoid confusion, lay and expense.
2. That the Synod call the special attention of the Classes to its les, (Minutes of Synod, 1851, p. 178,) requiring specific testimoals both from the pastors of churches and the Stated Clerks of the lasses, so as to prevent the future embarrassment of the Board and applicants, from the absence of these indispensable documents.

JACOB C. SEARS, *President.*

Attest, DAVID D. DEMAREST, *Stated Clerk.*

udson, June 8, 1854.

A communication was received from the beneficiaries asking for an crease of the appropriations made to them from the Educational unds of the Synod, which was referred to the Committee on Educaon.

A letter was received from Rev. J. C. Guldin in relation to the erman Hymn-Book about being published, asking permission to iblish in the same a certain form used in the Reformed Church of e Palatinate on occasion of the preparatory service to the Lord's ipper.

Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the request of Rev. Mr. Guldin be granted.

A letter was *received from* John S. Ebaugh in relation to his com-

plaint against the Classis of New-York, which was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

Extracts from the Minutes of the Classes of New-York, Paramus, Bergen, Westchester, Geneva, Hudson, and the North Classis of Long Island in relation to Parochial Schools were presented, which were referred to the Committee on Education.

A statement having been made by the delegate from the Classis of Illinois in relation to the transaction of their business at their last session without a quorum, it was

Resolved, That the subject be referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

A communication was received from Rev. Dr. Isaac Ferris, Chancellor of the University of the City of New-York, in relation to certain scholarships in that Institution, which have been endowed by members of the Reformed Dutch Church, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

A communication was received from Rev. A. C. Van Raalte recommending certain young men in the Classis of Holland for aid from the Beneficiary Funds of the Church, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

An extract from the Minutes of the Classis of Passaic was received.

igest, a list of the securities held by the Board, a list of the endowed holarships, a list of the clerical subscribers to the Widows' Fund, d accounts current of said Board with the Widows' Fund and the oard of Education, together with the Report of John C. Elmendorf, sq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, in relation to the Van Benhoten and Knox Funds, and certain papers in relation to a bequest in ast, made by Dr. R. Gannon, for the Theological Seminary at New-unswick:

he General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church:

The Board of Direction respectfully report: That the business con-ed to them is so systematized as to be transacted with comparatively le trouble.

The Treasurer's account, herewith submitted, will inform Synod of exact state of its financial affairs, in their several departments. e invested funds are safely secured, and the interest on them is actually paid. The income of Synod is such as to enable the Trea-er to meet the claims upon it without embarrassment. A very all margin, however, is left. The payment of salaries and ordinary ntingencies about absorbs all the available means; so that if Synod, m any cause, shall increase their expenditures, it will be necessary the same time to provide increased resources, by directing special lections, or otherwise.

During the past year there has been expended, per order of Synod, behalf of the Theological Library, one hundred and thirty-one dol-s and forty cents; a marble tomb has been placed over the remains the late Professor Cannon, at New-Brunswick, at a cost of one hun-d and forty-four dollars and eleven cents; gas, for the use of the Pro-sors and their families, has been introduced into the dwelling depart-nts in the College, occupied by them, at an expense of three hundred l forty-six dollars and seventy cents; and repairs have been made he College building and grounds, and Professors' houses, amounting ninety-three dollars and sixty-three cents.

The matter of a contract with Mr. George W. Mentz, of Philadel-a, for printing and publishing the Psalm Book, as directed by the General Synod, has received due attention.

Four thousand dollars have been paid into the treasury by Jacob Ten Eyck, Esq., of Albany, being a bequest of his sister, the late rgaret Ten Eyck, for the endowment of two scholarships, to be called he Margaret Ten Eyck Scholarship" and "The Catalina Ten Eyck olarship," on the conditions that the principal be invested and the erest appropriated to beneficiaries—such beneficiaries to be students he Theological Seminary, and their nomination and appointment to made by the Professors in the Theological Seminary; and that the ncipal shall revert to the heirs of the above-named Jacob H. Ten ck whenever the corporate title of our Church shall be altered.

There are now nineteen scholarships, and one in process of accumu-on. The Relief Fund amounts to twelve thousand seven hundred fifty *dollars. The number of annuitants are the same as last*

year, (nine). It is very desirable that this fund should be increased; and the fact that our Theological and Educational institutions are to so great an extent permanently endowed by the benefactions of former times, together with the state of prevailing worldly prosperity, would seem to indicate the present as a fitting time to make a special and general effort in favor of this most beneficent and truly Christian interest.

Your Board transmit, with their recommendation to the favorable action of the Synod, an application on the part of the Broome-street Church, in the city of New-York, in reference to the tenure of their church property.

In conclusion, the Board would again respectfully call the attention of Synod to the liberal proposal of Samuel B. Schieffelin, Esq., on the subject of Parochial Schools, submitted by them to the last General Synod. Mr. Schieffelin has recently issued a circular, (a copy of which is herewith communicated,) explaining, and somewhat modifying his proposition, and indicating his earnest desire that the benefits contemplated may accrue to the Dutch Church. It is hoped that Synod, in its wisdom, may be able to mature a system on the subject satisfactory to Mr. Schieffelin, and such as will secure the very important object contemplated by him. It will be recollected, that unless such system is completed during the present session of Synod, the seven thousand dollars now in your treasury, (with its accumulation of interest,) by the terms of deposit, will be withdrawn, to be else-

TREASURER'S ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

he General Synod of The Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in Account with ISAAC YOUNG, *their Treasurer.*

1853.		Dr.	$	cts.
June	1	Cash paid Rev. A. M. Mann, his travelling expenses as Delegate of General Synod to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, held at Philadelphia, 19th May last,.....	10	00
	2	" " Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	393	75
		" " Rev. William H. Campbell, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	437	50
	3	" " Rev. John Ludlow, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	393	75
	6	" " Rev. Gustavus Abeel, D.D., his travelling expenses to and from Philadelphia, to open the meeting of General Synod,..	5	00
	9	" " B. Livingston Kip and others, loaned them on their bond and mortgage, dated 1st inst., payable one year from date, with interest at seven per cent per annum,..	20,000	00
	10	" " Isaac Young, Treasurer General Synod, one year's salary, due this day,....$250 00 postage and discount,.....2 03 for management of the Widow's Fund for one year,..... 150 00 postage and discount,..... 48	402	51
	13	" " Rev. Thomas M. Strong, D.D., Stated Clerk of General Synod, one year's salary, due 1st inst.,.....$150 00 postage and discount,..... 86	150	86
		" " E. F. Dubois, Doorkeeper's bill, attendance on General Synod, at their session held at Philadelphia 1st inst.,.....	19	47
		" " William S. Young, for printing Circulars, &c.,	2	25
	14	" " John A. Gray, " " "	7	25
	22	" " John A. Manley, for Carpenter's Work at Rutgers College,.....	3	01
July	5	" " B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer, &c, six months' interest on the invested Scholarships in the Theological College, due 4th June last,.....	1,148	05
		Carried forward,.....	$22,973	40

1853.		Dr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward,.....	22,973	40
July	23	Cash paid Rev. M. L. Schenck, disbursed by him for stationery, &c., for the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College,	2	75
	26	" " John C. Elmendorf, Treasurer, &c., one year's interest on Henry Rutgers' donation of $5000 to Rutgers College, due 20th June last,.....$300 00 dividends on ten shares of Bergen Turnpike stock belonging to said College,..... 11 30	311	30
	28	" " Francis N. Zabriskie, the successful competitor for the Van Doren prize-essay on Missions, for the year 1853,.....	50	00
		" " Rev. David D. Demarest, Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents, one year's salary, due 15th inst,.....$10 00 incidental expenses of the Board, 2 00	12	00
August	1	" " John A. Gray, for printing, binding, &c., the Minutes of General Synod, of their session at Philadelphia 1st June last,....	224	57
	5	" " Rev. James Donald, heretofore paid by him into the Widows' Fund, and now withdrawn,.....	140	00
Sept.	9	" " Rev. John Ludlow, D.D., one quarter's salary		

1853.		Dr.		$	cts.
		Brought forward,		29,713	02
Nov.	1	Cash Paid Jacob Little & Co., for two shares of stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, at $100 each,	$200 00		
		4½ per cent advance,	9 00	209	00
Dec.	1	" " Rev. John Ludlow, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day,		393	75
		" " Rev. William H. Campbell, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day,		437	50
		" " Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day,		393	75
	28	" " Jacob Little & Co., for two shares of stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, at $100 each,	$200 00		
		5 per cent advance,	10 00	210	00
	30	" " I. Terhune & Son, for binding and repairing books belonging to the library of the Theological College,		101	40
		" " Enos A. Skillman, for services rendered the Librarian, in preparing a catalogue of the books in the library of the Theological College,		30	00
1854. January	7	" " Rev. John H. Pitcher, heretofore paid by him into the Widows' Fund, and now withdrawn,		40	00
	9	" " James H. Sillcocks, for erecting a marble tomb over the remains of Rev. James S. Cannon, D.D., at New-Brunswick,		144	11
	14	" " Ann K. Miller, for an assignment of a bond of John Mills, dated 10th October, 1849, secured by a mortgage on his house and lot in Fifth street, New-York,	$2000 00		
		three months and four days' interest due thereon,	36 55	2036	55
		" " Premium of Insurance on $8000, for one year from the 15th inst., on Rutgers College Buildings,		48	00
	25	" " John C. Elmendorf, Treasurer of Rutgers College, one half the salary of the Librarian of said College for one year, ending 1st April next,	$50 00		
		and for fuel for the College for the current year,	20 00	70	00
	26	" " B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer, &c., six months' interest on the invested Scholarships in the Theological College, due 4th December last,		1233	05
		Carried forward,		35,080	13

1854.		Dr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward,	35,060	13
February	3	Cash Paid Rev. Francis M. Kip, for assignment of a bond of Nicholas Peters, dated 15th October, 1852, secured by a mortgage on his house and lot, corner of Eleventh avenue and Forty-ninth street, ... $2000 00 three months and five days' interest due thereon, ... 37 00	2,037	00
	14	" " Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D., heretofore paid by him into the Widows' Fund, and now withdrawn,	320	00
	27	" " Rev. Isaac S. Demund, heretofore paid by him into the Widows' Fund, and now withdrawn,	100	00
March	1	" " Kasper Eckhart, loaned him on his bond, dated this day, secured by a mortgage on his house and lot, No. 178 Spring street, New-York,	5,000	00
		" " Rev. John Ludlow, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day,	393	75
		" " Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day,	393	75
		" " Rev. William H. Campbell, D.D., one quar-		

1853.		Dr.		$	cts.
		Brought forward,		44,936	33
		meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, held at New-Brunswick this day, viz.:			
July	19	Cash paid Rev. Isaac Ferris, D.D., (twice,)	$ 5 00		
		" Oscar H. Gregory,	8 50		
		" G. L. Roof,	10 00		
		" Richard H. Steele,	8 50		
		" Ransford Wells, D.D.,	12 50		
		" Henry Morris,	5 00		
		" Abraham I. Labagh,	2 25		
		" John Whitbeck,	16 00		
		" N. D. Williamson,	8 00		
		" A. B. Winfield,	3 00		
		" M. L. Schenck,	5 00		
		" J. C. Cruikshank,	4 25		
		" S. W. Mills,	4 75		
		" C. Van Cleef,	7 00		
		" Philip Peltz,	6 00		
		" Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D.,	5 00		
		" John Van Liew, (twice,)	4 00		
		" Jacob C. Sears,	1 25		
				116	00
October	5	" " the following persons for their travelling expenses incurred in attending a meeting of the Committee of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, for the reception of Students, at New-Brunswick, 4th inst., viz.:			
		Rev. Abraham I. Labagh,	$1 50		
		" Thomas C. Strong,	2 00		
		" John M. Ferris,	2 00		
				5	50
1854. May	29	" " Peter N. Wyckoff, for repairs, &c., to Rutgers College buildings and grounds,		93	63
	31	To Balance carried to new account,		3,446	35
				48,597	81

1853.		Cr.	$	cts.
		By balance from last account,	22,926	97
June	1	By cash received, six months' interest on $6000, balance of bond due 21st of May last,	210	00
		" " six months' interest on bond for $6000, due 1st May last,	210	00
	9	" " collected in the Reformed Dutch Church, Market street, New-York, for the Widows' Fund,	29	62
	18	" " of Rev. William H. Van Doren, one year's interest on the Missionary Prize-Essay bond, given by him,	50	00
	20	" " of the estate of Francis Olmsted, deceased, the principal of his subscription to the Permanent Fund of General Synod,	200	00
July	5	" " six months' interest on four bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Church, amounting to $26,000,	780	00
	13	" " six months' interest on two bonds for $1000 each, due 1st June last,	70	00
		" " of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, a dividend on fifty-three shares of their stock, $5300, at five per cent advance,	265	00
		" " three dividends on twenty-three		

1853.		Cr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward,	29,360	21
Oct.	17	By cash received, six months' interest on bond for $4000, due 16th inst.,	140	00
	22	" " one month and fifteen days' interest on $4000,	30	61
	27	" " six months' interest on $2000, balance of a bond for $4000, due 16th inst.,	70	00
	28	" " six months' interest on bond for $1500, due 16th inst.,	52	50
Nov.	1	" " six months' interest on bond for $2800, due 27th October last,	98	00
	2	" " six months' interest on bond for $5000, due 1st inst.,	175	00
	5	" " six months' interest on three bonds, amounting to $11,000, due 6th inst.,	385	00
	10	" " six months' interest on bond for $2500, due 26th October last,	87	50
		" " six months' interest on bond for $6000, due st inst.	210	00
	17	" " six months' interest on bond for $5000, due 1st inst.,	150	00
	22	" " six months' interest on $4000, balance of bond for $10,000, due this day,	140	00
	29	" " six months' interest on bond for $6000, due 1st inst.,	210	00
Dec.	7	" " collected in the Reformed Dutch Church, Six-Mile Run, for the Widows' Fund,	15	00
	8	" " six months' interest on two bonds for $1000 each, due 1st inst.,	70	00
	19	" " six months' interest on $6000, balance of bond, due 21st November last,	210	00
	27	" " of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, a dividend on fifty-five shares of their stock, $5500, at 4 per cent advance,	220	00
1854. January	14	" " of B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer of the Board of Education this amount paid by Jacob H. Ten Eyck, of Albany, being a donation by his sister, Margaret Ten Eyck, deceased, for the endowment of two scholarships in the Theological College of our Church, to be called "The Margaret Ten Eyck Scholarship," and "The Catalina Ten Eyck Scholarship," on the following conditions, viz.: The principal to be invested, and the interest to be appropriated for the beneficiary. The principal to revert to the heirs of Jacob H. Ten Eyck when-		
		Carried forward,	[illegible]	

1854.		Cr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward,.....	31,629	82
		ever the corporate title of our Church shall be altered. The beneficiary of the Scholarships must be a student of the Theological Seminary. The nomination and appointment of the beneficiary shall be made by the Professors in the Theological Seminary,.....	4,000	00
January	24	By cash received, six months' interest on four bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Church, amounting to $26,000,.....	780	00
	26	" " six months' interest on bond for $20,000, due 1st December last,....	700	00
	30	" " of Quincy C. De Grove, in full payment of his two bonds to General Synod, amounting to.....$5000 00 int. due thereon to this date, 393 50	5,393	50
February	14	" " of Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D.; this amount necessary to constitute him a member in full of the Widows' Fund,.....	500	00
	20	" " collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Bergen, for the Widows' Fund,.....	27	35

1854.		Cr.		$	cts.
		Brought forward,		44,814	46
May	1	By cash received, six months' interest on bond for $2800, due 27th April,		98	00
	2	" " collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Hackensack, for the Widows' Fund,		31	80
	4	" " one year's interest on bond for $2000, due 1st April, belonging to the Professoral Fund,		120	00
	6	" " six months' interest on bond for $5000, due 1st inst.,		150	00
		" " six months' interest on bonds for $11,000, due this day,		385	00
	9	" " six months' interest on bond for $5000, due st inst.,		175	00
	15	" " six months' interest on bond for $4000, due 22d inst.,		140	00
	16	" " six months' interest on bond for $6000, due 1st inst.		210	00
	18	" " collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Waterford, for the Widows' Fund,		5	00
1853. June	14	" " of the following persons, the interest on their subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod, due 1st May, viz.:			
		Est. of David L. Haight, dec.,	$ 30 00		
		" Cornelius Duryee, "	15 00		
		" Francis Olmsted, "	12 00		
		John Oothout,	30 00		
		Collegiate Dutch Ch., N.Y.,	300 00		
		David W. Wetmore,	30 00		
		Samuel Smith,	15 00		
		Thomas C. Doremus,	30 00		
				462	00
		" " of the following Classes, for Minutes of General Synod, viz.:			
		Poughkeepsie,	$10 00		
		Geneva,	10 00		
		Orange,	15 00		
		Albany,	10 00		
		Greene,	28 00		
		Passaic,	5 25		
		Bergen,	19 00		
		New-York,	27 00		
		So. Long-Island,	22 25		
		Schenectady,	43 53		
				190	03
		" " of the following Classes and Churches, for the contingent expenses of General Synod, viz.:			
		First R. D. Ch. at Glenville,	$ 7 52		
		" " Bethlehem,	30 00		
		Classis of Albany,	20 00		
				57	52
		Carried forward,		46,838	01

1854.		Cr.		$	cts.
		Brought forward,		46,838	81
May	30	By cash received, of B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer &c., of the Board of Education, this amount, received by him on account of a legacy by Moses Cowan, deceased, to be invested for the Education Fund,		614	00
	"	" eighteen months' interest on bond for $500, due 14th March last,		45	00
1853. June	"	" of the following clergymen, their annual payments to the Widows' Fund, viz:			
		Rev. A. B. Winfield,	$20 00		
		" Oscar H. Gregory,	20 00		
		" Isaac Ferris, D.D.,	20 00		
		" John C. Guldin,	20 00		
		" Ransford Wells, D.D.,	20 00		
		" Goyn Talmage,	20 00		
		" J. M. Compton,	20 00		
		" Joseph Wilson,	20 00		
		" Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D.,	20 00		
		" John M. Van Buren,	20 00		
		" David A. Jones,	20 00		
		" Charles Whitehead,	20 00		
		" Edward H. May,	20 00		
		" Charles N. Waldron,	20 00		
		" Alexander H. Warner,	20 00		

1854.		Cr.		$	cts.
		Brought forward,		47,497	81
June		" Brogun Hoff,	20 00		
		" A. B. Winfield,	20 00		
		" Cornelius Wyckoff,	20 00		
		" Isaac S. Demund,	20 00		
		" Cornelius Blauvelt,	20 00		
		" Elbert S. Porter,	20 00		
		" William Lyall,	20 00		
		" Eben S. Hammond,	20 00		
		" Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D.,	40 00		
		" N. D. Williamson,	20 00		
		" Thomas B. Gregory,	20 00		
				1,100	00
				$48,597	81
May	31	By balance carried to new account,		$3,446	35

[Errors excepted.] ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

The subscribers, appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, have examined the same, with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance due to General Synod of Three Thousand Four Hundred and Forty-Six dollars and Thirty-Five cents.

ABM. VAN NEST, W B. CROSBY, } *Committee.*

New-York, 3d June, 1854.

Annual Digest, 1854.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows:

Funds Devoted to Education.

THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by John C. Elmendorf, Treasurer of Rutgers College, and which is loaned upon bonds secured by mortgages upon property in the State of New-Jersey, &c., amounted, on the 1st April, 1854, to	$19,313 57
Balance in his hands, 1st April, 1854,	2,713 82
Interest on same Fund, due 1st May, 1854,	955 59
There has been paid to indigent students, out of the interest of this Fund, during the past year	980 00

Loaned by the Board of Direction, secured by bonds and mortgages of real estate, (except three bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Church, New-York, which are not accompanied by mortgages.)		$84,865 00
Balance of the Professoral Fund, formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, and transferred to General Synod, as per account of John C. Elmendorf, Agent, &c., on the 1st May, 1854, which is loaned on bond secured by mortgage on property in the State of New-Jersey		2,000 00
Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at		230 00
Amount of unpaid subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod	$13,250 00	
Deduct this amount, which the Board believe can not be collected	6,259 00	
Leaving subscriptions supposed to be good		$7,000 00

Board of Domestic Missions.

There have been invested for this Board, on bond secured by mortgage	$250 00

Minutes of General Synod.

There has been received for Minutes of General Synod during the past year	$190 03
And there has been paid for printing Minutes, paper, &c.	224 54
Balance in Bank to the credit of General Synod	$3,446 35

Of this balance, a part is capital to be invested, and the whole of the remainder is required to meet claims now due.

ABM. VAN NEST, *President.*
THEO. FRELINGHUYSEN, } *Directors.*
JOHN KNOX, } *Directors.*
W. B. CROSBY, } *Directors.*
ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

New-York, May 31st, 1854.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to the election of the Board of Direction of the Corporation. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen: Mr. Abraham Van Nest, *President;* Rev. John Knox, D.D., and Messrs. William B. Crosby and Theodore Frelinghuysen, *Directors;* and Mr. Isaac Young, *Treasurer.*

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was received from the Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church of Southern Africa, which was read and referred to the Committee on Correspondence. (See Appendix.)

A letter was received from the Table or Standing Committee of the Synod of the Vaudois Church of Piedmont, accompanied with an account of the state and labors of the Church, which was read and referred to the Committee on Correspondence. (See Appendix.)

The following Report was received from the Committee appointed by the last Synod, (page 373,) to collect funds on behalf of the Church of the Waldenses, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence:

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church:

The General Synod, at its session in 1853, welcomed the presence of Mr. Revel, the Moderator of the Waldensian General Synod, delegated in their behalf, and recommended the claims of the Waldensian Churches to our churches. They also passed the following preamble and resolution:

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contemplates the continuance of four hundred dollars, I would respectfully suggest the appointment of a new Committee to effect this object.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS DE WITT.

In consequence of the appointment of this Committee, I sent by Mr. Revel, a letter addressed to the Vaudois Synod of Piedmont. He stated that their Synod met annually on the last week in May, until which time it could not be laid, but that he would, in the mean time, lay it before their Standing or Executive Committee, (called by them the *Table*,) to whom the general oversight of the Church is committed in the interval between the sessions of the Synod. I have recently received from this Committee an affectionate letter to our General Synod, together with an accompanying statement of the present state of their churches, and of their labors during the past year, which, together with a translation from the French, is herewith transmitted.

T. D. W.

Rev. John M. Krebs, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church, appeared in Synod, and having produced testimonials of his appointment, took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The following Report was received from Rev. Ransford Wells, D.D., the Delegate appointed to attend the last meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence:

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church:

The undersigned, having had the honor to be commissioned by the last Synod as your Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, would respectfully report: That he was present in the city of Buffalo, May 18th, 1854, when the Assembly met; that he was highly gratified with the facility and good order with which that large body, consisting of nearly 300 members, was organized and prepared for business; and that he was deeply impressed with the solemn and devotional spirit which seemed to characterize their opening exercises. Your Delegate was received with great cordiality and brotherly affection, as expressive of the high estimation in which the Assembly holds the Reformed Dutch Church, and their earnest desire to continue this friendly correspondence, exchanging our mutual congratulations, and offering up our united prayers for each other's prosperity. Your Delegate reciprocated this kind feeling, assured the Assembly of your undiminished confidence, and pledged your active coöperation in every good word and work for the upbuilding of the Redeemer's kingdom. He expressed the opinion, that if at any time there had been any feeling of jealousy or rivalry, it was local and temporary, and might easily be adjusted by a little mutual concession, without disturbing the general harmony a moment; and that the mass of our respective churches

were one in spirit and in purpose, as they are one in doctrine, and government, and forms of worship. This declaration met a hearty response from the Assembly, with an intimation that nothing should be wanting on their part to cherish and perpetuate an unselfish and disinterested union and fellowship.

RANSFORD WELLS.

June 6th, 1854.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their Report was accepted, *unanimously* adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report:

In the absence of any copy of the printed Minutes of the late meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, the report of Rev. Dr. Wells, the Delegate of our Synod to that body, states, that he attended its session in the city of Buffalo, and was gratified with the evidences of the continued prosperity of the churches under its care, and with the growing influence of this important branch of the Church of Christ in this country. He was welcomed with great cordiality and brotherly affection by the Assembly, and was assured of the profound interest entertained in our welfare by that body.

Your Committee rejoice to learn that it is well with them, and that their various institutions for the spread of the Gospel and the maintenance of the truth, at home and abroad, are blessed with the Divine

As the allegations touching the standing of Mr. Smuller were made prior to his reception by the North River Presbytery, these charges are cognizable by the Classis of Ulster, and do not belong to the Presbytery as the competent tribunal in the case.

The second ground of complaint is, that after the reception of Mr. Smuller by the Presbytery, the same body, by a committee, proceeded to organize a Presbyterian Church wholly of members of the 2d Reformed Dutch Church, who had not been dismissed by the Consistory of the Church. It appears that application was made for certificates of dismission to the Consistory, but action on the same was postponed. Whether the Consistory was justified or not in withholding these certificates, is not important in the adjudication of this case. The duty of the members of the 2d Reformed Dutch Church of Kingston was plainly prescribed by the Constitution. If they felt aggrieved by the action of the Consistory, the way of appeal was open to the Classis, and in regular gradation to the higher judicatures of the Church, and the Presbytery had not only no right, but was forbidden by the Rules of Correspondence to forestall the regular course of ecclesiastical action, and at once receive them into the fellowship of the Presbyterian Church. The members of the 2d Reformed Dutch Church, of Kingston, were bound by covenant obligations to obey the constitutional authority, and follow the constitutional law prescribed by the order of the Reformed Dutch Church; and by the Rules of Correspondence, the Presbytery was equally bound to abstain from all interference with the administration of our discipline.

In view of this statement, your Committee would offer the following resolution:

Whereas, the action of the North River Presbytery, in the reception of Mr. Smuller, and in the organization of a Presbyterian Church composed wholly of members of the 2d Reformed Dutch Church at Kingston, who had not been dismissed by the Consistory of that church, was contrary to the Articles of Correspondence, therefore,

Resolved, That the attention of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church be called, through our appointed delegate, to this violation of the spirit, if not the letter, of the Articles of Correspondence, with the request that it will take such action as the circumstances seem to demand.

Your Committee have received a document of great interest from the Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church of Southern Africa, expressive of their affection for this Synod, and furnishing valuable information respecting the churches under their care, and would recommend the appointment of a Committee to prepare a suitable response to the cordial salutations of these brethren.

They have also to report a communication from the Moderator of the Vaudois Synod, Rev. J. Revel, respecting the condition and labors of the Vaudois Church of Piedmont during the year 1854, and a statement from the members of the Vaudois Table, thanking this Synod for the cordial adoption of means by which they have been aided in the support of their institutions of learning. Your Committee would suggest the *following resolution*:

Resolved, That the claims of the ancient Church of the Waldenses be earnestly commended to the liberal consideration of the members of our churches, and that whenever circumstances permit, collections be taken for the benefit of their institutions.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. F. BERG, *Chairman.*

Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, Ebenezer Wiggins, and the Elder Thomas Talmage were appointed the Committee contemplated in the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, to answer the letter received from the Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church of South Africa.

The Committee, at their request, were subsequently discharged, and it was

Resolved, That the President and Adsessor be appointed to answer the letter from the Synod of Southern Africa.

Whereas, our Church has correspondence with only one body of our Fellow Christians in this land, and it is very desirable, in this day of rebuke and blasphemy, that all who hold to the Head should manifest in some visible form their substantial union, therefore,

Resolved, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of extending the sphere of our correspondence with other Evangelical Churches, whether by exchange of delegates, or by letter,

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a morning prayer-meeting during the session of the Synod, be referred to the Committee on Religious Exercises.

In conformity with the order of the last General Synod, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed on the afternoon of the second day of the session. The exercises were conducted agreeably to a plan previously reported by the Committee on Religious Exercises.

Certain resolutions were presented in relation to pastoral catechetical instruction, and the expounding of the Heidelberg Catechism, which was referred to the Committee on the State of Religion.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported, and their Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Another year has added its history to our Church. The solemn account of its responsibilities and issues has gone before us to be adjudged by its great Head, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We now pause to inquire what may be the character of that testimony which another year may have given in at that solemn tribunal, and to give heed to the instruction which such a retrospect is so well fitted to impart.

In this review, dear brethren, three objects of deep and solemn interest, indicative of the state of the Church, present themselves to our consideration:

1. The liberality of her members;
2. The increase of her numbers; and
3. The efficiency of her ministry.

1. Liberality of those who profess to be the followers of Him who, although he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, is one important test of their love to him. The consecration of all that he has to his Divine Master is the condition of the believer's hopes and the evidence of his faith. Hence, in ascertaining the religious state of the whole Church, we look to the amount that has been contributed to the many benevolent objects of the day.

In the year 1853, we find the sum of $59,955.58 as the contributions of that year. We have cause for thankfulness that the present year shows an important increase. The whole amount contributed in the year 1854 is $73,887.84; of this, $16,328.81 was raised in the bounds of the Particular Synod of Albany, and $57,559.36 in those of the Particular Synod of New-York. These contributions have gone forth spreading in every direction the blessing of the Gospel, and have already mingled with the streams of mercy that shall continue to flow on amidst the rivers of sin until the Saviour shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied.

Yet we must not flatter ourselves that we have as a Church reached the limits of duty, or supplied the demands upon our charities. This is the sum total reported for benevolent objects by 198 out of 322 congregations. It is to be regretted that so many churches have failed to send up any report. In the Synod of New-York there are 42 delinquents, *and in the* Synod of Albany 82 have not reported. Can

we conclude that so many have done nothing for the cause of the Redeemer? We have still a great work to do. The Treasury of our Home Missions is exhausted; the ministry poorly sustained; the spirit of benevolence is scantily diffused. The whole heart of the Church is not yet aroused to bring the tithes into the store-house, to prove the Lord whether he will not pour us out a blessing so that there shall not be room to hold it.

2. The increase of her members is another indication of the state of the Church. During the last year, the whole number received into the Church has been, by confession, 1598; by certificate, 1540; in all, 3138. In comparing this return with that of last year, we have cause for regret. Then the number received by confession was 1759, and by certificate 1441, making in all 3200; so that we have not done as well this year as last. True there have been in some portions of the Church times of refreshing. The Classical Report from the Particular Synod of New-York states that all the Classes speak in general terms of encouragement; very few of the whole number of their Churches are without accessions by conversions. The Particular Synod of Albany also speak of extensive revivals of religion within their borders; still there has not been throughout the whole Church, in comparison with last year, a gain of numbers; on the contrary, there has been a decrease. This is the more striking from the fact, that in our benevolent operations and the addition of new churches, there has been an advance in the prosperity of the Church. This fact calls for serious reflection, earnest prayer and true humiliation. All that we plan and execute in

parents. These means, properly and practically employed, will not be without the divine blessing. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

3. The efficiency of the ministry is, above all others, the index of the state of the Church. For good or ill it has ever wrought with tremendous force upon the hopes or fears, the life or death of the world. As it ever has been, so it is now. It is not our province to look beyond our own Church; but in reporting upon its religious state, we regard this as the great agency of our position and progress. The ministry shapes the Church: a worldly, ambitious ministry will make a formal and proud Church. Of course we speak of the visible body of professing Christians. Hence the enemies of God, impelled by the god of this world, direct their efforts to degrade the ministry of Christ to a low and worldly level. Having accomplished this, they control the religious state of the Church.

In our own Church we have cause to hope much good from the appearance presented by our ministry; well-instructed, zealous, and generally youthful, they hold out the promise of great usefulness. It would not become this occasion to indulge in laudations of our office; on the contrary, it is more proper to exhort one another, and to humble ourselves before God that we have been so unprofitable.

Seven of our brethren have been called away from the field of their earthly labors to their eternal reward: The Rev. Cornelius Bogardus, Rev. William Boyce, Rev. Alexander H. Bishop, Rev. Jonathan W. Rowland, Rev. William Cruikshank, Rev. Garret I. Garretson, Rev. Garret Mandeville. They all died either with their harness on, or were dragged wounded from the battle-field. Sad to say, and yet it is undeniable, that the supply of the ministry scarcely equals its numerical loss. These mementoes of our mortality admonish us to be up and doing. Every meeting of Synod reminds us of the absence of some whom our eyes shall no more see on earth. The shadows of our life are lengthening, and the twilight of our mortal day is coming rapidly upon us all. Watchman, what of the night! Think of it as we may, flatter ourselves as we often do, the world is still in conflict with the Son of God. The spirit of mammon is the antagonist of the spirit of holiness. The spirit of the age is in one sense the spirit of God, hastening on by physical and moral agencies the destinies of the world; but in another sense it is the development of a pure materialism in its worst forms of sensualism and wild licentiousness. The ministry is, under God, the hope and salvation of the world; an efficient ministry consists in sermons writ by minds enlightened by the Holy Ghost and moulded in the furnace of hearts glowing with love to Christ, and delivered in the intensity of a desire to save souls. It is the example of a life consecrated to God, elevated above the world's fashions, doing right in despite of the world's opinions, and doing nothing out of strife or vain glory. Such a ministry will always be successful; another is but the counterfeit, an ecclesiastical charlatanry, sounding brass, noisy impudence, and tinkling cymbal, a pulpit hand-organ.

A resolution has been submitted to this Synod requesting the attention of Particular Synods to the plan proposed for associating with the usual business the promotion of the spirituality and enterprises of the Church. It is to be regretted that our meetings of Particular Synod are too much devoted to mere business. The spiritual and devotional ought certainly to be the important elements of all ecclesiastical bodies. With this view the Committee on the State of the Church appointed in 1847, recommended that at the meetings of the Particular Synods the Synodical Report on the State of Religion be read, the Lord's Supper be commemorated, and the anniversary of one or more of the benevolent Boards of the Church be observed. In accordance with these views, your Committee propose the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Particular Synods to connect with their other services the administration of the Lord's Supper; and to the several bodies of our Church, so to arrange their anniversary celebrations as to hold them during and in connection with the regular meetings of one or more of the Particular Synods of our Church.

In relation to the resolutions submitted to them in regard to catechetical instruction and explanation, your Committee feel that the Church needs to be more fully awakened to the importance of teaching the truths contained in our own standards. It is also true that some of our ministry need to be moved to the duty which their position under the Constitution requires. But your Committee gladly hail an improvement in the work of preaching upon the Heidelberg

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New-York	John Knox T. De Witt T. E. Vermilye T. W. Chambers	450	2250	1218	28	36	17	..	17	1248	55	3	....	50	8	500	....	11000	00	326 Fourth St., N. Y. 116 Ninth St., " 7 Albion Place, " 64 West 27tth St., "
Broome Street *	G. H. Fisher	150	750	284	26	35	40	..	6	299		4	....	....	..	....	....	....		105 Wooster St., "
Greenwich	N. J. Marselus, S.C. C. C. Van Arsdale	300	1500	587	18	25	20	1	10	599	30	1	330	47	1	425	275	714	62	46 Hammond St., "
Seventh Avenue	W. R. Gordon	....	....	112	6	11	4	..	1	124	5	1	....	....	1	....	....	73	30	9 Hammond St., "
Twenty-first	A. R. Van Nest	140	700	188	20	5	20	1	4	189	11	3	168	170	1	222	190	835	92	115 West 23d St., "
North-west 23d St.	J. B. Hardenbergh	....	....	250	9	8	29	..	8	230	14	..	....	....	..	....	....	129	71	95 West 23d St., "
Ger. Evan. Miss. Ch.	J. C. Guldin	....	775	456	59	..	4	..	3	508	42	1	60	....	2	285	240	256	73	122 Rivington St., "
Livingston Church	Vacant	45	175	35	1	6	7	..	..	35	4	..	....	....	1	117	80	43	58	
Mt. Pleasant, 50th St.	C. M. Jameson	25	160	32	3	8	9	..	1	38	8	1	25	....	1	120	100	....	....	2d Av. near 50th St., "
Bloomingdale	E. Van Aken	60	300	56	3	2	2	..	1	58	6	2	70	....	1	70	....	....	....	180 Ninth Av., "
Harlem	J. S. Lord	125	625	196	4	11	4	..	3	204	4	2	60	....	1	120	80	734	00	122d St. near 3d Av. "
Mott Haven	E. De Puy	50	200	27	1	7	....	..	..	35	5	..	....	....	1	100	75	30	00	Mott Haven.
Church on Washington Heights.	Charles Whitehead, S.S.	27	125	10	1	1	....	..	..	12	1	..	....	12	1	50	30	....		
Staten Island	J. Brownlee	162	800	212	6	4	27†	..	..	195	28	1	....	....	1	140	100	440	00	Port Richmond, S. I.
Huguenots, (S. I.)	J. A. M. La Tourrette	18	150	19	..	..	....	..	1	18	..	..	35	25	1	90	40	48	00	South Side, Staten Island.
Richmond, (S. I.)	F. R. G. Peck, past. elect																			
3d G. R. P. D. Ch. N.Y.	C. Dickhaut	17	120	....	14	..	....	..	..	47	23	..	8	8	1	50	....	....	....	104 Greenwich St., N. Y.
Ger. Ref. at Harlem	Vacant																			

* Report for two years. † Of these, 25 to form new church at Richmond.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. P. J. Van Pelt: C. C. Vermeule: E. H May: A. N. Kittle: J. V. Henry: J. Mulligan: J. P. Knox, (St. Thomas:) J. Scudder, M.D.: W. W. Scudder and Joseph Scudder, Missionaries, at Madras, (E. I.) and W. C. Brownlee, D.D., (*Emeritus.*)

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133	29	5	....	45	2	260	185	$1093 11	Stapleton, Staten Island.
120	24	2	100	50	1	225	190	606 00	Tompkinsville, S. I.
248	7	2	60	30	1	....	100	.....	New-York City.
409	12	3	300	....	1	300	210	3500 00	New-York City.
324	23	3	200	40	2	200	....	5194 76	New-York City.
235	11	3	107	120	3	150	100	655 27	New-York City.
....	27	..	30	25	1	110	90	300 00	Williamsburgh, L. I.
48	6	..	....	....	1	70	35	15 00	Peekskill.
35	4	2	....	....	1	60	40	84 25	Peekskill.
31	3	..	....	....	1	30	25	10 00	New-York City.
28	20	..	12	14	1	80	60	.....	New-York City.
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D.D.; Rev. Robert Kirkwood; Rev. John Alburtis; Rev. Charles
plain of the Sailors' Snug Harbor, S. I.

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1st New-Brunswick.	Samuel B. How	273	1220	....	11	8	11	..	2	432	16	3	....	....	4	....	....	$835 02	New-Brunswick, N. J.
2d New-Brunswick.	Samuel M. Woodbridge	95	475	136	9	10	10	..	3	142	6	1	60	6	1	80	60	326 87	" " "
3d N. B. (German)..	Francis M. Serenbets..	27	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	66	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	" " "
Six Mile Run	Jacob C. Sears	163	945	238	6	1	4	..	1	240	10	2	65	30	6	265	....	442 38	Six Mile Run, "
Hillsborough	John De Witt.....	195	975	343	7	5	6	1	6	343	17	..	140	....	6	....	220	366 00	Millstone, Som. co., "
Middlebush.....	J. A. Van Doren, S. C.	90	450	165	5	5	6	..	3	166	11	..	75	30	2	125	100	365 08	Middlebush, "
First Raritan	Abraham Messler.....	175	975	418	9	3	15	..	5	410	9	..	50	250	5	....	....	400 00	Somerville, "
Second Raritan	Elijah R. Craven	112	560	270	9	24	17	..	3	281	19	2	60	....	4	200	....	.....	" "
Third Raritan	James A. H. Cornell ..	115	500	100	12	6	1	2	2	118	14	2	70	25	1	140	90	254 47	" "
Bedminster.....	William Brush.....	130	650	217	5	4	7	..	4	215	12	..	100	....	5	200	....	240 00	Pluckemin, "
North Branch	James K. Campbell...	100	485	....	4	..	6	..	1	102	7	..	....	18	1	75	....	135 29	North Branch, "
Rockaway	Lawrence L. Comfort..	100	450	95	4	2	7	..	3	91	4	..	37	....	3	160	145	65 39	Whitehouse, Hunt. co., N.J.
Lebanon	Robert Van Amburgh.	130	800	....	9	6	4	..	..	191	20	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Lebanon, " "
Griggstown	John A. Todd.....	100	490	121	7	5	4	..	1	128	7	2	40	50	2	160	140	218 00	Griggstown, Som. co., "
Spotswood	J. Henry Manning*...	55	275	61	3	5	1	..	1	68	4	..	....	....	2	70	60	.....	Spotswood, "
First Freehold	Ralph Willis.....	100	475	126	7	2	1	..	2	132	5	2	30	35	2	80	60	219 26	Marlboro', Mon. co., "
Second Freehold ...	Hervey D. Ganse.....	88	440	109	1	5	1	..	..	114	9	..	50	35	1	100	75	240 13	Freehold, " "
Middletown	William Reiley.....	110	500	122	2	2	2	..	2	122	4	2	20	....	2	....	100	228 00	Holmdel, " "
Middletown Village.	Alex. C. Millspaugh...	65	360	102	..	2	..	1	1	102	4	..	30	20	3	65	....	50 00	Middletown, " "
Boundbrook.....	W. Demarest(pas. elect)	75	375	92	1	1	2	..	1	91	11	.	65	....	1	100	60	155 82	Boundbrook, Som. co., "
Keyport	Vacant	*27	100	31	5	6	..	..	..	41	..	2	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Keyport, Mon. co., "
Peapack	William Anderson	87	435	107	5	3	3	..	4	108	8	1	15	20	1	95	75	73 19	Peapack, Som. co., "
Branchville.....	Wm. Pitcher(pas. elect)	80	412	85	7	10	2	..	1	99	5	1	....	....	1	50	40	.....	Somerville, "
Long Branch	James B. Wilson	48	225	22	4	2	..	..	1	27	..	1	14	17	2	65	45	47 00	Long Branch, "
Easton.....	Cornelius H. Edgar....	44	....	76	6	8	12	..	1	80	1	2	....	....	1	....	....	96 80	Easton, Penn.

* Reports of last year.—*Ministers without Charge.*—John Van Derveer, D.D.; Alex. McClelland, D.D.; Herman B. Stryker; Garret C. Schenck; Jonathan V. Morris; Robert J. Blair; John Proudfit, D.D., Professor of Languages, Rutgers College; Charles R. Van Romandt, Licentiate, Assistant Professor Rutgers College; William J. Thompson, Rector of Rutgers Grammar School.

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3*	..	5	309	36	2	85	18	1	165	145	$1174	Hudson, Huds. co., N.J.
..	..	1	82	2	3	40	....	2	120	85	131	English Neig. " "
1	..	5	132	9	..	50	50	1	90	75	250	Hacken. Bergen co., "
1	..	3	145	22	..	120	50	3	150	120	170	Schraalenb. " "
5	..	4	185	14	1	161	127	3	270	218	236	Belleville, Essex co., "
2	..	..	86	4	..	77	....	1	92	86	682	Jers. City, Huds. co., "
1	..	1	109	13	..	30	....	2	110	60	147	Bergen Point, " "
4	..	3	506	12	2	360	130	2	460	350	854	Newark, Essex co., "
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8	..	2	157	11	2	90	30	1	183	107	737	Jers. City, Huds. co., "
5	..	2	80	7	1	25	40	1	150	90	200	New Durham, " "
4	..	3	136	13	..	65	30	2	200	160	285	Newark, Essex co., "
8	..	10	230	187	..	36	36	1	120	75	10	" " "
..	..	..	28	4	..	10	9	1	25	20	37	Hoboken, Huds. co., "
2	..	..	39	4	..	100	8	1	130	85	154	Jersey City, " "
..	..	1	51	9	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	N. Hoboken, " "
..	..	..	48	11	..	....	....	1	93	70	33.41	Hudson, " "
2	..	42	2365	334	12	1249	528	24	2428	1746	$5142	

tute the Church at Hudson, N. J.
n, Missions; M. Lusk; John L. Chapman; J. M. Bruen; James Romeyn;
Read,

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Clarkstown	P. J. Quick	100	400	133	2	2	..	..	5	132	8	..	35	....	1	75	....	.....	Nyack Turnpike, N. Y.
Tappan	I. D. Cole	150	700	183	3	1	..	..	4	183	13	..	25	....	1	35	....	$80 00	Tappan Town, N. Y.
Acquacknonk	W. R. Bogardus	210	1100	222	6	1	3	..	9	217	20	2	100	....	1	....	....	238 00	Acquacknonk, N. J.
1st Church, Totawa	E. Wiggins	171	700	167	4	9	5	..	5	170	47	..	....	16	1	150	....	70 00	Paterson, N. J.
2d Church, Totawa	John H. Duryea, S. C.	145	720	230	3	7	12	1	3	224	16	1	40	20	2	150	....	170 28	Paterson, N. J.
Paramus	A. B. Winfield	166	837	166	2	4	..	..	6	166	12	..	35	50	1	85	....	101 75	New Prospect, N. J.
Pasgack	Vacant	90	490	118	1	1	..	..	..	120	7	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Pasgack, N. J.
Saddle River	John Manley	90	490	143	8	..	..	..	4	147	8	..	15	....	1	40	....	.....	Munsey, N. Y.
Wt. N. Hempsted	Peter Allen	70	311	71	..	..	..	..	1	70	..	..	15	....	....	....	....	.....	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Ramapo	W. T. Van Doren	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Sufferns.
Warwick	F. H. Vanderveer	75	....	86	4	..	2	..	2	86	..	..	20	25	..	....	....	120 00	Warwick, N. Y.
Nyack	B. Van Zandt	105	400	121	1	..	5	..	1	116	4	..	....	....	1	100	....	189 00	Nyack, N. Y.
1st Church, Piermont	Jacob West	63	350	55	3	5	2	..	..	61	15	1	40	30	1	60	....	124 80	Piermont, N. Y.
2d Church, Piermont		....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	

OF LONG ISLAND.

.		Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools				
Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES.
..	283	7	..	40	23	1	100	80	$1250 50	Brooklyn.
1	133	3	..	25	28	2	106	90	1019 15	Flatbush.
2	127	9	..	....	....	2	130	110	839 57	New Utrecht.
3	97	2	..	....	....	2	....	....	.....	Gravesend.
..	73	9	..	....	....	2	96	80	.....	Flatlands.
3	88	13	..	30	15	1	60	40	107 79	East New-York.
3	98	8	3	25	15	2	120	100	600 00	East New-York.
1	20	..	..	....	6	1	50	40	.....	Brooklyn.
1	203	13	4	29	....	1	191	150	150 00	Brooklyn.
1	73	4	..	50	25	1	120	80	223 55	Brooklyn.
3	106	10	1	50	....	1	163	119	.....	Brooklyn.
4	260	16	6	62	25	1	112	96	3692 38	Brooklyn.
1	55	28	..	4	8	1	30	....	.....	East New-York.
..	33	5	..	....	15	..	....	....	45 00	Brooklyn.
23	1653	127	14	315	160	18	1278	985	$7927 24	

Kleek; and J. P. Pfister. *Candidate.*—Ernst Schroepfer.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Reed On Confession	Reed On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Jamaica	John B. Alliger	206	1050	227	5	7	6	..	4	229	17	..	....	....	3	....	....	$430 00	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown	Thomas C. Strong, S. C.	130	650	115	7	3	3	..	2	120	11	2	100	25	2	175	120	835 00	Newtown, L. I.
Oyster Bay	John L. McNair	95	490	117	3	1	2	..	1	118	..	1	....	50	1	....	....	50 00	Cedar Swamp, L. I.
North Hempstead	James Demarest	70	350	37	2	2	..	..	1	40	5	2	....	14	..	....	....	65 00	Manhasset, L. I.
Williamsburg	Elbert S. Porter	130	650	164	22	20	7	..	3	196	9	4	120	40	1	175	120	391 34	Williamsburgh, L. I.
Astoria	Wm. H. Ten Eyck	45	250	....	1	8	1	..	1	61	..	..	30	....	1	50	....	275 00	Astoria, L. I.
Flushing	G. H. Mandeville	50	200	45	6	9	5	..	..	55	4	1	20	6	1	50	40	63 96	Flushing, L. I.
Green Point	Vacant	40	175	43	2	3	..	..	1	47	4	..	25	30	1	65	....	87 00	Green Point, L. I.
South Bushwick	John S. Himrod	45	....	11	2	24	..	..	..	....	2	..	....	....	1	90	50	90 00	Williamsburgh, L. I.
	Total	811	3815	759	50	77	24	..	13	866	52	10	295	165	11	605	330	$2287 30	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. A. A. Marcellus; Peter S. Williamson; E. R. Atwater; John W. Ward; W. W. Halloway, Missionary at North Brooklyn.

OUGHKEEPSIE.

ts.		Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				
Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES.
2	317	8	..	....	....	1	201	....	$1184 69	Poughkeepsie.
1	165	2	1	45	40	1	90	75	587 99	Fishkill.
4	222	2	..	....	30	..	....	....	158 50	New-Hackensack.
2	228	3	4	40	20	3	...	....	321 00	East-Fishkill.
7	225	21	1	70	30	3	130	115	345 12	Rhinebeck.
3	104	4	..	44	35	2	120	90	321 50	Fishkill Landing.
..	158	..	..	....	....	5	100	....	.....	Pine Plains.
1	129	2	1	....	....	3	80	....	.....	Hyde Park.
..	79	2	..	20	25	1	90	70	150 50	Glenham.
1	87	1	2	....	....	1	92	70	521 21	Poughkeepsie.
21	1714	45	9	119	180	20	903	420	$3590 51	

S. Van Vechten, Johnsville, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd. On Confession	Recd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Harlingen	J. Gardiner	150	750	....	4	6	4	..	5	183	11	..	50	150	5	300	250	$275	Harlingen.
Readington	J. Van Liew	170	850	253	6	6	4	..	5	256	18	..	50	....	5	200	....	242	Readington.
New-Shannock	G. Ludlow	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
1st Church, Phila.	A. H. Willets	160	800	290	7	7	8	3	4	289	10	2	70	78	1	210	150	2000	Philadelphia.
2d Church, Phila.	J. F. Berg	100	600	185	7	28	3	..	2	....	15	1	....	10	2	180	130	.....	Philadelphia.
3d Church, Phila.	H. G. Livingston	150	750	252	..	..	..	..	..	246	..	..	25	....	2	220	150	2600	Philadelphia.
N. & S. Hampton	A. O. Halsey	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Blawenburgh	T. B. Romeyn, S. C.	100	500	138	1	6	2	..	4	139	7	1	25	50	6	....	....	420	Blawenburgh.
Stanton	H. Doolittle	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Manayunk		....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Roxboro'		....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Peter Labagh, D.D.; Rev. Jno. Talmage, Missionary in China; Rev. C. P. Wack.

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ants.			Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				
Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES.
.	2	171	8	5	....	....	4	260	130	.....	Pompton Plains, N. J.
1	..	178	8	2	....	28	3	...	....	$143 00	Pompton, N. J.
.	3	162	1	2	60	40	5	222	175	212 42	Montville, Morris co., N.J.
.	3	110	11	..	....	....	2	....	....	57 89	Little Falls, Passa. co., N.J.
..	..	55	9	..	19	21	1	92	65	30 00	Paterson, N. J.
.	1	52	5	..	20	....	2	50	....	.....	Pompton, N. J.
.	2	84	13	..	16	....	2	50	45	18 00	Paterson, N. J.
1	..	72	7	..	....	....	1	80	60	25 00	Little Falls, N. J.
..	..	50	5	..	50	25	1	100	....	35 00	North Bloomfield, N. J.
2	11	934	67	..	....	....	21	....	....	.....	

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.		
1st Hudson	D. D. Demarest	140	600	160	6	6	3	..	3	166	6	1	120	....	1	188	110	$289 19	Hudson.
1st Clâverack	Ira C. Boice, S. C.	200	1000	307	5	..	4	..	4	304	8	..	....	15	4	200	180	137 09	Claverack.
2d Claverack	John H. Pitcher	90	500	208	4	..	6	..	2	204	4	2	30	....	2	60	45	106 99	Mellenville.
Greenport	Jacob N. Voorhees	85	500	78	..	..	5	..	2	71	....		60	12	3	100	....	75 00	Hudson.
Linlithgow	C. E. Crispell	160	900	189	9	..	..	..	1	197	13	5	60	24	8	275	200	146 64	Livingston.
Upper Red Hook	John G. Johnson	68	274	77	1	..	..	..	..	78	2	..	....	....	2	....	....	65 00	Upper Red Hook.
Germantown	Brogun Hoff	70	300	116	4	..	..	..	..	126	20	..	....	....	1	80	60	10 00	Germantown.
Taghkanic	William Lyell	....	....	77	23	..	..	..	6	94	13	1	....	....	3	170	112	.....	Copake.

VESTCHESTER.

nts.		Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				
Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES.
2	....	5	1	....	21	1	100	70	$205 00	Tarrytown, West. co., N.Y.
2	114	4	4	....	70	1	130	85	473 59	" " "
..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Fordham, " "
2	106	2	..	25	15	1	50	40	62 75	Neperan, " "
..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
..	97	19	..	70	70	1	140	90	121 47	West Farms, " "
..	42	5	4	7	7	1	35	25	86 00	Scarsdale, " "
1	37	3	..	....	....	1	30	15	153 29	
..	94	6	..	25	30	1	60	40	96 00	Yonkers, " "
1	22	1	..	....	....	1	55	35	90 00	Hastings-on-Hudson, "
..	20	3	1	....	....	..	....	....	51 53	Mount Vernon, "

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CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.		
Church of Albany ..	D. Kennedy	260	1200	443	10	4	3	..	5	449	6	3	....	....	2	200	150	$2963 10	Albany.
2d do. do. ..	I. N. Wyckoff, S.C....	264	1312	541	9	24	8	..	7	559	30	6	140	13	2	318	254	2049 43	Ditto.
3d do. do. ..	Alex. Dickson.....	100	300	180	1	2	3	..	3	177	5	..	....	....	1	100	70	400 00	Ditto.
Bethlehem.....	John Simonson.	184	920	226	6	8	..	..	6	234	12	..	90	130	4	250	150	71 10	Cedar Hill.
2d Ch. Bethlehem ..	John A. Lansing.....	108	570	137	1	2	2	..	3	135	8	..	96	....	2	135	100	224 35	Albany.
Union.....	B. F. Murden	55	256	87	..	2	3	1	..	85	4	..	....	14	1	50	30	41 55	New-Scotland.
Coeymans	Wm. P. Davis.....	100	500	63	1	..	..	..	..	64	4	..	30	....	2	120	105	.....	Coeymans.
New-Baltimore...		67	360	63	3	1	..	..	..	67	2	..	....	....	1	100	90	.....	Ditto.
Onisquethaw	S. Van Santvoord	63	450	98	..	5	..	..	1	102	5	..	....	....	1	30	25	.....	New-Baltimore.
Jerusalem	Ditto	67	480	99	..	..	..	..	1	98	4	..	....	....	1	35	29	.....	Ditto.
Salem.....	J. Middlemas	100	500	135	3	3	1	..	1	139	16	..	25	....	1	42	22	21 00	Salem.
Westerlo	Vacant	100	500	148	..	..	1	..	1	146	1	..	....	....	4	125	96	.....	Westerlo.
2d Church, Berne...	Ditto	53	250	112	..	..	..	..	..	112	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Salem.
Knox	Ditto	20	100	32	..	..	..	..	..	32	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Knox.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, John P. Pepper, Wm. A. Miller, Wm. Demarest.

OF ULSTER.

Communicants.				Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				
Dismissed.	Suspended.	Dead.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Kingston.
..	..	3	41	20	..	15	30	1	65	60	$20 00	Saugerties.
3	..	5	91	10	..	....	....	2	....	....	142 44	Ditto.
2	..	..	88	9	3	60	....	3	....	....	.....	High Falls.
..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Rosendale.
51	..	5	176	1	..	....	....	3	....	....	107 97	Amesville.
4	..	4	201	8	..	....	....	3	80	....	45 00	Saugerties.
..	..	2	80	7	1	35	25	4	....	....	178 81	Tuthill.
4	..	4	78	3	..	40	20	1	60	....	.....	Hurley.
15	1	9	444	12	1	75	50	2	200	150	506 75	Kingston.
..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Ditto.
1	..	4	100	8	2	....	....	2	....	....	623 68	Stone Ridge.
2	2	4	206	24	1	140	100	5	250	....	350 00	New-Paltz.
..	..	..	66	13	..	....	....	1	110	80	88 06	Amesville.
..	..	..	50	10	2	25	....	1	35	....	.....	Hurley.
..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Saguerties.
2	..	2	209	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Accord.
..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Rosendale.
37*	3	..	172	9	1	50	....	..	130	....	375 00	Saugerties.
..	..	..	23	6	6	....	....	2	36	....	5 00	Sampsonville.
3	..	3	104	12	4	50	60	5	170	150	16 00	Shoken.
2	..	1	85	14	..	15	....	1	50	....	27 00	Woodstock.
..	..	..	36	5	2	....	....	4	120	....	20 09	West-Hurley.

one Ridge; Abraham Fort, Kingston. * To form a new congregation.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession.	Recd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.		
Castleton	E. P. Stimpson	90	400							51	2	1			1	50		$20 00	Castleton.
Blooming Grove	Cyril Spaulding	70	350	61	7		1			67	12	2			2	70		87 23	Defreestville.
Chatham	Edwin Holmes	60	300		3	8	4		1	50			30	35	1	80		28 00	Chatham 4 Corners.
1st Ch. Ghent	John Gray																		Ghent.
2d Ch. Ghent	John H. Van Weert	76	400	111					3		14				1	100		182 00	Hudson.
Greenbush	James R. Palmadge	160	800		8	5	6		1	185	6				5	200		167 00	East-Greenbush.
Kinderhook	Vacant	200	1000	274	4	5	2		5	276	2				3	250		464 83	Kinderhook.
Nassau	Richard H. Steele	160	800	202	34	5	8		5	228	5			30	5	200		266 00	Nassau.
Schodack	Wm. Bailey	175	900	196	21	5	14		4	204	11	5	50	25	5	250		200 00	Schodack Landing.
Stuyvesant	Elbert Nevins, S. C.	110	510						1	80	3				1	50		207 00	Stuyvesant.

WASHINGTON.

nicants.				Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				
Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
..	3	51		..	..	20	15	1	35	25	.....	North-Easton.
..	..	43		..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Fort Miller.
..	..	30		..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Gansevoort.
1	3	99		1	2	40	20	1	70	45	.....	Northumberland.
..	..	....		..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Battenville.
..	3	116		1	..	20	....	2	100	75	$201 75	Schuylerville.
..	..	....		..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Stillwater.
..	1	102		1	..	25	....	3	130	85	103 30	Buskirk's Bridge.
..	3	185		3	10	30	....	1	65	50	283 04	Greenwich.

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CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Reed On Confession	Reed On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Auriesville	Vacant	90																	
Canajoharie	Vacant	105	460	90															
Columbia	J. Murphy																		
Caughnawaga	D. Van Olinda, S. C.	165	800	124	1	2	1		1	125	2				1	150			Fonda.
Currytown	W. D. Buckelew	76	345	69		1				70	3				1	30	25	$186 87	Root.
Mapletown	W. D. Buckelew	90	427	77		1	1		1	76					2	60	50		
Glen	A. H. Van Vranken	88	390	50	6	3	4	1		54	1	2			4	140	110		Glen.
Fultonville	Vacant	100																	
Fort Plain	M. L. Schenck	100	550		2	6			2	80	1				1	100			Fort Plain.
Frankfort	Vacant																		
Fort Herkimer	J. L. Starks																		
Herkimer	C. S. Mead	210	1050	300	23	1	3		9	312	20	2	100	20	3	120	100	125 00	Herkimer.
Mariaville	Vacant	50	200	53															
Minaville	Vacant	100	500	160															
Manheim	Paul Weidman	50	250	56															
Port Jackson	G. L. Roof	67	324	52	1				3	50				55		55		39 00	Port Jackson.
St. Johnsville	Jos. Kneiskern	130	700	170		1	2		2	167	8				2	100	80	27 00	St. Johnsville
Stone Arabia	J. C. Van Liew	120	600	218			4		2	212	9								Palatine Bridge.
Ephratah	J. C. Van Liew	70	300	65					1	64	1								
Mohawk	Vacant	100		28															Mohawk.
Warren	Daniel Lord	40	150		14				2	60	7	4				25			Ditto.

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[redacted]	Died.	Total in Communion.	Bapt. Infants.	Bapt. Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. Schools. No. of Schools.	Sab. Schools. Total Number of Scholars.	Sab. Schools. Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
.	4	122	2	1	....	....	2	....	....	$163 06	Schoharie, C. H.
.	5	88	3	..	....	....	1	....	....	102 00	Middleburgh.
.	3	61	..	..	35	60	3	140	120	20 00	Berne.
.	2	60	..	..	....	25	2	85	70	15 00	Ditto.
1	3	157	11	6	20	25	1	150	120	98 00	Gilboa.
.	1	....	2	..	....	....	1	....	....	....	Gallupville.
.	2	65	..	..	....	....	1	26	....	....	Lawyersville.
..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	Breakabin.
..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	Gardnersville.
..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	East-Cobleskill.
..	..	41	1	..	....	....	..	....	....	12 00	North-Blenheim.

[redacted]Elihu Doty, Missionary to China.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.		
Schenectady	Julius H. Seelye	280	1400	374	3	1	10	..	5	363	9	..	....	30	1	220	....	$419 23	Schenectady.
2d Church, ditto	J. G. Duryee	47	200	33	9	13	5	..	..	50	..	..	25	....	1	70	55	35 00	Ditto.
Amity	H. A. Raymond	90	400	108	6	6	..	..	2	118	3	1	20	40	1	80	65	66 50	Vischer's Ferry.
Niskayuna	Goyn Talmadge	100	500	173	1	3	10	..	1	166	6	1	....	35	4	100	60	118 50	Watervliet Centre.
1st Ch., Glenville	Abraham H Myers	160	800	172	3	..	8	..	2	165	2	..	....	....	5	110	82	64 24	Glenville.
2d Ch., ditto	N. D. Williamson	130	740	.....	..	2	..	..	1	134	..	..	....	....	6	250	170	.....	Scotia.
1st Ch., Rotterdam	Charles Jukes	100	500	74	3	2	1	..	2	76	7	1	15	40	1	25	....	.....	Hoffman's Ferry.
2d Ch., ditto	John Nott	50	200	69	..	..	1	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	2	60	30	30 00	Schenectady.
Helderbergh	L. H. Van Dyck	150	650	235	19	3	11	..	3	243	15	..	....	25	1	....	....	74 12	Guilderland Centre.
Day	Vacant	50	175	37	..	..	..	..	1	36	..	..	....	....	1	40	35	.....	West Day.
Princetown	Vacant	52	320	88	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Dunnsville.
Lisha's Kill	G. Talmadge, S. S.	57	280	49	..	..	1	..	..	48	1	..	....	26	1	60	....	115 00	Lisha's Kill.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Thomas Romeyn, W. L. James; Abraham I. Swits, Stated Clerk, Schenectady.

OF CAYUGA.

nicants.				Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				
Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
2	..	..	113	1	..	....	60	1	20	....	$70 96	Owasco.
2	..	1	94	8	2	80	40	..	120	85	285 47	Syracuse.
.	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Canastota.
.	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Utica.
.	2	..	34	1	..	30	....	1	35	....	.....	Lysander.
.	..	2	21	3	..	9	....	5	150	120	13 00	Alexandria, N. Y.
.	1	..	57	..	..	....	....	1	40	30	.....	Cicero.
.	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Sand-Beach.
6	..	4	37	3	2	20	10	2	100	....	.....	Cleavland.
.	..	1	100	2	..	....	120	..	....	....	50 00	Chittenango.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Berea	I. B. Ten Eyck	75	375	107	2	2	1	..	2	108	4	..	....	....	1	....	15	.....	St. Andrew's, Orange co.
Montgomery	R. P. Lee	208	1100	358	4	3	9	..	8	348	13	..	140	110	2	....	....	$440 00	Montgomery, do.
Shawangunk	O. Scott	236	1152	219	16	6	2	..	3	236	12	2	....	....	4	200	....	322 00	Bruynswick, Ulster co.
New-Prospect	W. S. Moore, S. C.	120	550	120	11	4	1	..	4	130	7	2	....	....	3	100	80	169 45	Ulsterville, do.
Deer Park	H. Slauson	150	800	.....		3	*14	..	4	....	5	..	75	....	1	75	65	85 68	Port Jervis, Orange co.
Newburgh	M. N. McLaren	91	450	133	6	14	6	..	2	143	2	1	....	....	1	107	70	300 00	Newburgh, do.
Minisink	D. A. Jones	50	200	57	5	5	3	..	1	63	1	3	12	19	1	50	40	77 36	Montague, Sussex co., N.J.
New-Hurley	Vacant	180	1080	117	1	..	4	..	3	111	8	1	....	40	4	175	125	234 69	New-Hurley, Ulster co.
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker	85	450	164	2	5	8	..	3	160	2	..	60	35	1	85	70	245 00	Walden, Orange co.
Walpack	R. Pitts, S. S.	130	550	174	7	..	....	..	3	178	8	1	....	....	3	80	70	32 00	Delaware, Pike co., Pa.
Bloomingburgh	S. W. Mills	112	....	171	11	7	3	..	5	181	9	5	....	....	1	95	....	181 25	Bloomingburgh, Sullivan.
Ellenville	Vacant	100	....	110	..	5	6	..	5	104	4	..	....	25	3	....	140	356 33	Ellenville, Ulster co.
Fallsburgh	J. Searle	....	....	....	..	3	....	..	..	115	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Woodbourne, Sullivan co.
Wawarsing	J. R. Lente	148	740	....	3	1	....	2	..	151	6	..	....	....	4	....	....	206 82	Napanock, Ulster co.
Grahamsville	.....	65	325	111	..	..	4	1	1	105	..	..	....	....	1	30	20	10 00	Grahamville, Sullivan co.
Mamakating	S. Searle	100	500	52	4	2	1	..	1	56	..	..	28	12	2	56	26	.....	Wurtsborough, do.
Upper Neversink. } Brown's Settlem't. }	J. E. Bernart, Miss'y	31	153	20	..	1	3	..	1	17	3	..	....	....	1	35	25	10 00	Claryville, do.
		10	50	15	..	..	....	..	..	15	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Jeffersonville	J. Hones, Missionary	....	....	37	3	..	....	..	..	....	8	..	....	....	1	14	....	.....	Jeffersonville do.
Middleport	Vacant	....	....	13	6	..	....	..	..	19	6	2	....	....	1	....	....	.....	Kerhonkson, Ulster co.
Cuddebackville	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Cuddebackville, Orange.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. B. R. Hall, J. Boyd, Wm. Youngblood, J. T. Demarest, W. S. Heyer, C. D. Ettinge, W. Wolff.

* 12. To form church of Cuddebackville.

GREENE.

	Total in Communion.	Bap. C. & B. C. Sab. Schools							Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.		
	80	2	..	....	....	1	60	....	$60 00	Athens.
	....	17	4	120	65	3	176	125	.....	Catskill.
	329	22	2	150	30	3	125	100	221 31	Coxsackie.
	101	5	1	30	....	2	100	75	108 20	Coxsackie.
	152	2	..	23	37	1	73	35	15 68	Kiskatom.
	120	3	3	30	25	2	100	75	.....	Leeds.
	77	..	2	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Moresville.
	71	..	..	....	....	1	80	65	.....	Prattsville.
	59	..	..	....	12	1	....	....	.....	Roxbury.

ts, supplying Athens. * Report for 1853.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Centreville	J. N. Schultz	36	150	....	1	9	..	..	1	42	5	..	2	20	2	49	....	$25 00
Constantine	D. McNeish, S. C.	34	160	....	2	4	2	..	1	37	..	..	1	12	1	45	....	44 00
Ridgeway	Jos. H. Kershow	15	75	....	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....
Macon	Ditto	20	100	....	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....
Mottville	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....
Jefferson	Haris'n Hermance	30	125	....	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	....	....	2	40	....	15 00
South Bend	F. P. Beidler	22	70	....	..	..	..	..	..	16	2	..	2	14	1	60	....	17 50
Grand Rapids	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. John H. Sheffield, John G. Tarbell.

WATERVLIET.

icants.			Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				
Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
..	2	276	4	11	....	....	1	160	100	$550 00	West-Troy.
..	2	92	6	..	....	....	1	150	100	..	West-Troy.
..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	Wynant's Kill.
..	2	88	2	..	....	....	1	75	70	85 29	Boght.
..	3	83	2	..	....	....	1	80	....	90 00	Waterford.
..	1	95	1	..	....	....	1	65	55	290 69	Cohoes.
..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	West-Troy.

; Jacob A. Lansing, Stated Clerk, West-Troy.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd. On Confession.	Recd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Chicago	Vacant																	
Drenthe	Ditto	23	97		1	2				55								
Graafschap	M. Ypma	60	280	118	8			1		125	13							
Grand Rapids	Vacant		419		7					112	21							
Grand Haven	S. Bolks	100	240	85	32	35	4	5	14	130								
Holland	A. C. Van Raalte, S. S.	141	669	258	9	33	16		4	280	29							
Hooge Prairie, of Junction Station	Vacant																	
Kalamazoo	Gardenier	45	234	97	3	2	10	1	6	92	8							
Milwaukee, C. A.	H. G. Kleyn	77	346		10	18	12		10	151	22							
Noord Holland	Vacant																	
Overyssel	Ditto																	
Vriesland	Ditto																	
Zeeland	C. Van der Meulen	156	700	284	17				6	291								

OF GENEVA.

ants.			Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				
Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
..	3	204	3	1	....	....	2	....	....	$86 73	Lodi, Seneca co., N. Y.
..	1	140	3	3	....	35	1	100	80	330 47	Farmer, do. do.
1	1	140	13	..	50	12	1	140	110	394 98	Geneva, Ontario co.
..	2	132	3	1	33	....	1	80	50	195 17	Ithaca, Tompkins co.
..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Arcadia, Wayne co.
..	..	69	1	1	10	....	1	50	....	.....	Waterloo, Seneca co.
..	1	54	1	2	....	25	1	50	35	42 00	Slaterville, Tompk's co.
..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Cato, Cayuga co.
..	..	37	..	..	....	....	1	20	....	18 48	Fair-Haven, Cayuga co.
1	1	17	3	..	....	12	1	30	....	16 63	Waterloo, Seneca co.
4	2	82	20	..	40	30	..	....	....	.....	Pultneyville, Wayne co.
2	..	149	16	..	80	....	..	....	....	.....	Rochester, N. Y.
..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Buffalo, N. Y.
..	..	61	4	..	33	23	2	33	....	.....	Clymer, Chatauque co.

Rev. R. W. Knight, J. Hammond, A. Hoffman.

out charge, died within the past year at Carolina.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Students.	Number of Families.	Total of the Congregations.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction	Number of Sabbath Schools	Number of Scholars.	Amount of Contributions for Rel. and Benev. purposes.	STATED CLERKS.
New-York	21	31	..	..	1569	8630	199	159	3839	236	19	756	312	22	2289	$14305 86	Rev. N. I. Marselus, D.D.
South Classis of N.Y.	12	17	..	..	893	3850	112	76	1611	166	20	809	324	15	1485	11458 39	" S. H. Meeker.
New-Brunswick	25	31	1	..	2313	12352	127	116	3477	187	20	921	536	52	2030	3923 68	" J. A. Van Doren.
Bergen	17	23	..	..	1984	8235	165	186	2365	334	12	1249	528	24	2428	5142 00	" A. H. Warner.
Paramus	14	12	..	..	1135	6498	37	30	1692	150	4	325	141	10	695	1093 83	" J. H. Duryea.
South Classis of L. I.	14	15	1	..	1124	4748	100	120	1653	127	14	315	160	18	1278	7927 94	" R. O. Currie, D.D.
North Classis of L. I.	9	13	..	..	811	3815	50	77	866	52	10	295	165	11	605	2287 30	" T. C. Strong.
Poughkeepsie	10	11	..	..	683	3577	46	52	1399	48	8	174	140	14	713	3590 51	" A. M. Mann.
Philadelphia	11	12	..	..	830	4150	25	53	1113	61	4	220	288	21	1010	5437 00	" T. B. Romeyn.
Passaic	9	9	..	..	994	4601	57	18	954	67	9	165	114	21	854	521 31	" J. A. Staats.
Illinois	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	" S. V. E. Westfall.
Hudson	8	8	..	..	813	4074	52	6	1240	66	9	270	51	24	1073	829 91	" I. C. Boice.
Westchester	11	8	..	..	511	2172	29	55	532	48	10	127	213	8	600	1439 63	" J. L. See.
Albany	14	12	..	..	1539	7698	34	51	2399	97	9	381	157	22	1505	5770 53	" I. N. Wyckoff, D.D.
Ulster	23	18	..	..	1994	9402	111	119	2251	171	23	505	285	40	1306	2505 80	" G. L. Van Dyke.
Rensselaer	10	9	..	..	1101	5500	77	28	1141	55	8	80	80	24	1250	1355 06	" E. Nevins.
Washington	9	8	..	..	435	1820	35	13	625	6	12	135	35	8	400	587 09	" H. Morris.
Montgomery	21	12	..	..	1751	7046	47	15	1270	52	8	100	75	14	780	377 87	" D. Van Olinda.
Schoharie	11	9	..	..	548	3205	13	10	591	19	7	55	110	11	401	410 00	" E. Vedder.
Schenectady	12	12	..	..	1266	6065	44	30	1389	43	3	60	196	24	1015	922 59	" A. J. Swits.
Cayuga	10	9	..	..	469	2160	16	13	456	18	4	139	230	10	463	419 43	" J. Dubois.
Orange	21	24	..	..	1891	8475	82	61	2241	98	17	315	241	35	1102	2670 58	" W. S. Moore.
Greene	9	9	..	..	903	4001	55	34	989	51	12	353	169	14	714	404 19	" P. Peltz.
Watervliet	7	8	..	..	368	1790	41	32	631	15	11	..	..	5	530	1015 98	" J. A. Lansing.
Geneva	11	12	..	..	745	3774	16	168	1074	67	8	246	138	11	503	1084 46	" G. Rockwell.
Holland	13	6	..	..	602	2985	87	90	1236	93	..	..	..	..	..	..	" A. C. Van Raalte.
Total	335	337	2	28	27612	130626	1687	1622	37020	2327	262	7995	4688	458	25025	$75481 94	

ARTICLE VII.

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The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would respectfully report, that having examined the minutes of the last General Synod, they find nothing claiming their attention.

On the minutes of the last meeting of the Particular Synod of New-York, p. 22, is found a resolution, emanating from the Classis of Bergen, referring to this body a circular from Rev. John Garretson, in regard to the establishment of a sustentation fund.

On the same page we find a reference of several Classes to this Synod of the benevolent project of Mr. Saml. B. Schieffelin, in reference to education.

On p. 24, under an article "Church Government," is found a resolution requesting this General Synod to organize a new Particular Synod to be called the Particular Synod of New-Brunswick, to be composed of the following Classes: Bergen, Passaic, Paramus, New-Brunswick, Philadelphia, Pilesgrove, and the new Classis of Monmouth.

Also on the same page is a resolution requesting this body to call the attention of the Particular Synods to *the plan* proposed by the [illegible] Synod of the Church for associating with the usual

of associating with the usual business of the courts of the Church, the promotion of the spirituality and the enterprises of the Church, be referred to the Committee on the State of Religion.

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to establishing a Fund for defraying the expenses of delegates, be referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. John Proudfit, Ira C. Boice, and the Elders James Myers, V. H. Willis, and Adam H. Hagar.

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to an alleged violation of the rules of correspondence between the General Synod and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported, and their Report was accepted, *unanimously* adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business present the following report on the subjects submitted to them:

1. In the matter of the complaint of Rev. John S. Ebaugh against the Classis of New-York, your Committee are of opinion, that the complainant has run counter to the usage of the Church, if not to the letter of her law, in passing by the Particular Synod of New-York, to which the Classis of New-York belongs, and in presenting his complaint in the *first instance* to the General Synod.

Moreover, Mr. Ebaugh was bound, if he would table a complaint against the Classis, to give that Court due notice of his intention. But there is no evidence before your Committee that such notice has been given.

And further, your Committee discover nothing in the language or the spirit of the paper in their hands, indicative of a state of mind such as it would be gratifying to see in a minister of the Gospel, occupying a position before the Church and the world such as the complainant now occupies.

Your Committee, therefore, would recommend the following resolution for the adoption of Synod, viz.:

Resolved, That the complaint of Rev. John S. Ebaugh against the Classis of New-York be not entertained.

2. A paper has been put into our hands, purporting to be the Minutes of a session of the Classis of Illinois, held in May last. In this paper is found the following preamble and resolution, viz.:

"Whereas, this Classis have made three several attempts to obtain a constitutional quorum for the transaction of its business, but have each time failed in consequence of providential hindrances beyond their control, therefore

"*Resolved*, That in consideration of the peculiar and trying circumstances in which we are placed, the members present proceed to transact the business that would have regularly come before Classis had a quorum been present, and that our proceedings be laid before General Synod at their next meeting, for their approval and ratification."

Y[illegible] sympathize with these brethren in their [illegible] assment, and would gladly recommend a course of [illegible] in accordance with their request, if this could be done without a [illegible] of constitutional law, and Church order.

But the General Synod is here called to act on a matter peculiarly within the province of the Synod of New-York, to which that Classis belongs. To the *Particular Synod*, according to constant usage, and express constitutional provision, the Minutes of the respective Classes are submitted for their supervision, and it is fully competent for that Court to act upon an overture like the present.

Further, the Constitution, chap. II, art. 1st, sec. 2d, enacts as follows: "A higher Assembly shall take cognizance of those things *alone*, which could not be determined in a less, or that appertain to the churches or congregations in general which compose such an assembly."

Now, as the supervision of the minutes of the Classis of Illinois appertains to the Particular Synod of New-York, and they are every way competent to act in the case before us, the General Synod is expressly forbidden to touch it.

Your Committee, however, would not leave the matter here, but would call the attention of Synod to the circumstances of the Classis of Illinois. These churches are remote from each other. The expenses necessarily incurred in assembling can not be borne by the members without great inconvenience. They have already been heavily taxed in endeavoring to secure a constitutional meeting. It is very necessary that such a meeting should be had without delay. These brethren [redacted]

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

Resolved, That the request of the Particular Synod of New-York be granted.

The subject was discussed at considerable length, when the question was taken, and it was decided in the *negative*.

Resolved, That the following question be sent down to the Classis, viz.: "Shall the Particular Synods be made conventional, instead of being, as now, delegated bodies? and if not conventional, shall the delegation be increased?" And that their answer be transmitted to the next General Synod.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

The Committee appointed by the last Synod, (page 357,) on the subject of the Liturgy of the Church, submitted their Report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Revision of the Liturgy beg leave to report as follows:

At the last meeting of the General Synod, it was *Resolved*, (see Minutes, p. 357,) "That a Committee of ten be appointed to take into consideration the whole subject of the Liturgy of our Church, and report such modifications as they may deem proper to the next General Synod; provided, however, that no alterations shall be made in the doctrinal sentiments contained in the forms now in use in the Church." In pursuance of this resolution, seven ministers and three laymen were appointed, viz.: Rev. Messrs. Mann, Kennedy, Bethune, Dwight, Porter, Strong, and Chambers; and the Elders T. Frelinghuysen, S. Van Rensselaer, and W. B. Crosby. Such of these gentlemen as were present in Philadelphia at the time, immediately held an informal meeting, organized the Committee, and distributed among its members the various parts of the work assigned to them. Subsequently, seven regular meetings were held in New-York or Brooklyn, all of which were attended by a majority of the Committee, and at many of which all were present, save Mr. Frelinghuysen, who stated from the beginning that his duties at the College would not allow him to serve on the Committee. He, however, has seen the results to which the Committee have arrived, and has authorized us to say that he approves of them.

In prosecuting the work assigned them, the Committee have endeavored to follow, not so much their own personal or peculiar views as those which they had reason to suppose were cherished by large

portions, if not a majority, of our ministers and laymen. They do not propose to make our Church "a Liturgical church," in any greater degree than it has been from the beginning, or to fetter the exercise of individual gifts in conducting religious worship, any further than is already done by the Constitution. What they did propose was carefully to review the existing and excellent formularies, to amend the translation where necessary, to curtail those parts which general experience seems to have proven to be too long, to adapt other parts to the altered arrangements of our present worship, (e. g., the relative place of the long prayer and the short one in Sabbath service,) and to prepare such new offices as appeared to be required by the wants of the Church. The Committee have felt the less reluctance in doing this, as they have learned that very considerable alterations have been introduced into our forms by unknown and unauthorized hands. A parenthesis of several lines in the admirable prayer in our form for Infant Baptism, has been omitted in all the later editions of our Book. The long and edifying treatise on the Consolation of the Sick has been reduced to a meagre list of isolated texts, arranged under five heads. The Minutes of General Synod furnish no evidence that these changes, and many others of a minor kind, were ever ordered by any competent authority.

The following is a general statement of what has been done:

1. *As to the Prayers.* The Committee have introduced a full series for the morning service of the sanctuary, drawn in large measure from the existing forms, but adapted to the prevailing usage among us. They have also prepared some offices of Grace and Thanks at meals.

that the Committee were loth to touch it. But knowing, as they did, that in perhaps three fourths, or as some say, five sixths, of the instances in which it is used, it is abridged, it seemed far better to have such abridgement made by the Church; and, accordingly, they have proposed such omissions as will probably furnish a medium between those who would cut it down unsparingly and those who would be sorry to alter a line.

3 and 4. *Offices of Church Discipline and of Ordination.* The only alterations recommended in these, are either curtailments or else slight amendments of phraseology.

5. *Office for the Confirmation of Marriage.* An entirely new form is here presented. It has been compiled from some of the Continental Liturgies, and will, it is hoped, compare favorably with any other in common use.

6. *Of Comforting the Sick.* In the absence of any suggestions on this point, the Committee have proposed no changes, although a judicious abridgement and revisal of the full form, as found in our old books, might make our Liturgy particularly useful and acceptable in a sick-room.

7. *Office for the Dedication of a Church.* A general desire having been expressed for a form for this purpose, one has been carefully prepared, and is now submitted.

8. *Office for a Burial Service.* A very full form for this object has been prepared, which, it is hoped, will avoid the objections commonly made to such offices, and, at the same time, allow sufficient liberty of choice to the officiating minister.

9. *System for the Yearly Reading of the Bible.* This arrangement has been transferred from the old Dutch Bibles, to which it had been attached nearly a century ago by the Synod of Dort.

It has been suggested, that it would be desirable to have a series of prayers for a Family, say for a week or a fortnight, incorporated with our Liturgy; but the Committee, while agreeing with this opinion, have not felt that such a work was comprehended in the resolution under which they act.

In conclusion, the Committee submit the results of their labors to the judgment of the Church. They are unanimous in recommending the adoption of the proposed changes, with, at the same time, a full allowance to any minister or church to use the old forms, if they so prefer. Rev. Dr. Strong and Mr. Porter have been deputed, on behalf of the Committee, to make such further statements as the General Synod may desire to hear respecting the grounds and object of the Committee's action.

Copies of the Liturgy, as altered by the Committee, were distributed among the members. The subject having been discussed at considerable length, it was

Resolved, unanimously, That the Liturgy, as altered and submitted to this Synod, by the Committee appointed for that purpose, be re-committed—that the Committee be instructed to revise the same, and submit their Report again at the next General Synod.

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Fifteenth Annual Report of the General Synods' Sabbath-School Union was presented and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Sabbath-School Union was received and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Twenty-second Annual Report of the Board of Education was received, read, and referred, together with certain documents in relation to the School among the Hollanders which accompanied it, to the Committee on Education.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education was presented, accompanied with an account current of said Board with the Academy at Holland in Michigan, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Education respectfully present the following Report:

The following papers have been submitted to them: communications

academies, colleges, and seats of professional education, all consecrated to Christ, and pervaded by the influence of his religion, will yet, we hope and believe, present the substantial realization of the complete idea of Christian education. An apprehension was felt the last year, that parochial schools might interfere with our public school system, that it might furnish a plea to the Romanists for claiming a share of the public money. Reflection and discussion have, we feel assured, banished both these apprehensions. The institution of Christian schools under the patronage and influence of the Church can only exert a wholesome influence on our public schools; it will stimulate them to a salutary competition in their methods of instruction, as attendance upon both will be perfectly voluntary; it will keep before the public eye a model of Christian training, which will not fail to imprint itself on the whole system of education; for parents, even though of a different denomination, will almost invariably give the preference to schools which include religious influence and culture; so far from giving a pretext to Romanists for demanding a share in the public funds, it will take away all shadow of such pretext; for the Church will pay for her own schools, asking no assistance from the State, and showing by her whole attitude that she would not shackle herself by the acceptance of any, even if it were offered. These are only the incidental advantages of the system. The direct advantages to the Church herself in the control it will give her over the tuition and discipline of her own children, are too obvious to need suggestion, too great to be capable of description. We now feel assured that the Church is prepared gratefully to receive the munificent donation of Mr. Schieffelin, and to arrange a basis for its appropriation which will be mutually and entirely satisfactory.

Your Committee therefore propose the following resolution and plan:

Resolved, That the following Plan be and it hereby is adopted for the regulation of Parochial Schools under the care of our Church.

PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND SUSTAINING OF PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS IN THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH.

1. The business pertaining to Parochial Schools shall be transacted by the Board of Education, until otherwise ordered by General Synod.

2. The Board of Education shall address circulars on this subject to the Consistories and Classes of our Church, and shall keep the business and funds relating to parochial schools distinct from the other business and funds intrusted to the Board.

3. They are hereby empowered to receive, in behalf of General Synod, the munificent donation of Samuel B. Schieffelin, Esq., and any other funds which may be contributed for this purpose. They shall make such exertions to obtain additional funds for this purpose as they may deem expedient.

The distribution of funds for the promotion of parochial schools shall be regulated by the following rules:

1. Every school applying for aid must be under the care of a Consistory of our Church, and be subject to the supervision of the Classis.

2. The Holy Scriptures shall be used in such school as a text-book

for daily instruction in religion, and the Catechisms approved by our Church shall be taught at least twice a week in addition to the usual branches of early education.

3. The teacher shall be a member in full communion of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

4. The school shall be daily opened with prayer and reading of the Scriptures, accompanied, where it is practicable, by the singing of a psalm or hymn, and it is recommended that sacred music shall, as far as practicable, form a part of the instruction of said school, and be united with the other devotional exercises.

5. It is recommended that the supervision of the Pastor and Consistory over the school shall be as close and constant as may be practicable.

The applications for aid shall be under the following rules:

1. Every application shall be approved by the Classis.

2. Such application shall state to the Board of Education what amount has been raised or secured for the salary of the teacher, and the general purposes of the school, and what additional amount is needed. The probable number of scholars shall also be stated.

3. The application must be renewed at such times as shall be prescribed by the Board of Education.

The appropriations shall be regulated as follows:

1. The maximum of appropriations shall not exceed one hundred dollars per annum, and it is expected that a less amount will in many cases be sufficient.

young men under the care of the Board, at the close of their course of study, from an entire destitution of funds, has placed in the hands of the Board an order for $26 worth of books, together with the sum of thirty dollars, ($30,) to be given to each member of the graduating class;" accompanying this donation with a request that the Board would "ask of Synod the power of granting to each beneficiary who may need it, upon his graduation, the above sum of thirty dollars." The Board "regards such a provision as wise, kind, and proper," and submits it, with this commendation, "to the wisdom of Synod."

Your Committee fully concur in this recommendation of the Board, and propose the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Education bestow the sum of thirty dollars, being one additional quarter of the annual allowance of $120 on each beneficiary, if asked for at the completion of his theological course.

The Report of the Board contains the following resolution, transmitted to them by the Board of Domestic Missions.

Resolved, That this Board, through its Secretary, request the Board of Education to consider the propriety of accepting from all beneficiaries after their licensure, two years' service under the direction of this Board, as a full satisfaction for all aid afforded them by the Board of Education.

In reference to it, the Board has passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the above resolution be submitted to the consideration of General Synod.

Your Committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Education be directed to accept from all beneficiaries after their licensure, two years' service under the care of the Board of Domestic Missions, as a full satisfaction for all aid afforded them by the Board of Education.

The Report contains a recital of the circumstances connected with the institution and support of the Academy in Holland, Michigan. Your Committee feel that it is unnecessary to repeat these. The Board found that there were arrearages due to Mr. Taylor, on the first of October, 1853, amounting to $1820.01, which, with the salary of $1200 for the current year, would require the Board to raise the sum of $3020.01. This sum has, by the great exertions of the Board, been reduced to $1607.00—a balance which is now due to Mr. Taylor, and for which the Synod will have to provide.

The Board have received communications from the Classes of Michigan and of Holland, and have conferred with Mr. Taylor, whose course is regarded by the Board as satisfactory to them and honorable to himself. After mature reflection, the Board has been led to the conclusion, that, "inasmuch as the Synod, by receiving the school under their care, came under obligations to fulfill the engagements made to Mr. Taylor, immediate steps be taken for the payment of what is still due to him; that he be requested to relinquish the remaining portion of the period of his engagement, which it is his own desire to do, and that instead of endeavoring to sustain the academy in its present con-

dition, [illegible] to that field which shall add to the [illegible] Gospel, the special care of the academy."

Your Committee [illegible] unites with the Board in this proposition. This [illegible] deserves, and we doubt not will richly repay, [illegible] care of our Church. It already numbers six thousand [illegible] rapidly increasing, as well by immigration as by natural progress. [illegible] occupies a most favorable position on Black Lake, which [illegible] yet more valuable and commanding by the contemplated improvements at the mouth of that lake by the United States Government. In connection with the various ramifications of the [illegible] organized churches, viz.: one at Milwaukie, [illegible] Chicago, one at Kalamazoo, and two on the [illegible]. Those colonists are the children of the fatherland of our [illegible] the rapid and inevitable fusion which they must [illegible] and all-absorbing American nationality they are subjected to many perils from which no care is so well fitted to shelter them as that of the Reformed Dutch Church, to which they look with affection and veneration. Your Committee, therefore, respectfully submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Boards of Education and of Domestic Missions be instructed so to combine their arrangements for the benefit of the colony of Holland that a minister of our Church may be selected, competent at once to preach the Gospel and conduct the instructions of the academy, and that [illegible] be supported by the joint contributions of the two Boards.

Resolved, That provision be made by the Board of Education for

vorldly objects in order to proclaim the word of life to a perishing rld! How shall we stand before Him in the great day of his ɔearing, if our prayers continue so cold and unfrequent for an object near to his own heart, and which he has enjoined upon us in so ɔress and solemn a command as that, (Matt. 9, last.) "Pray ye the ·d of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest"? Your committee beg to express their unanimous and earnest con- tion that the time has come when the educational interests of our ırch demand the whole time and energies of one of her ministers. ɜ happy consequences of such an arrangement on the Domestic ssions of our Church are apparent to all. Since the devoted brother o now has charge of that department has been enabled to give his aplete and undivided attention to that field, the work of Domestic ssions and of Church Extension has assumed a new and far more ırishing appearance. But these important and fruitful labors must r be crippled and embarrassed without a corresponding vigor and ciency in the department of education. Our institutions of educa- ı must be scantily attended, the waste places of our Church must tinue to be unsupplied, the work of Church Extension feebly and lily carried forward, the boundless territory of the heathen world, ar as we are concerned, must continue to be unreclaimed to Christ, il effectual measures are taken to impress on the whole mass of the ng generation the loud and solemn call for a multiplication of orers in the harvest of the Lord.

A single glance at the statistics of our Church for the last year will w how vast is the material confided to the Church and how great her responsibilities in this matter. The number of churches in our ımunion is 322; the total of congregations, 128,761; the number communicants, 36,597; the number of families, 27,642. Here are 642 households within the pale of the Christian Church. Here are 597 souls who profess to be redeemed by the blood of Christ, and o have confessed before heaven and earth that they are not their own. t of this great host, how many youth are offering themselves for the ssed and honored work of the Christian ministry? *Only twenty.* owing that five times that number are on their way in the different ges of preparation, (which is much beyond the probable number,) e is a startling, an alarming disproportion. Let us suppose that one of ten families should "lend" one "son to the Lord" for the ser- ɜ of his sanctuary, we should have 2700. Should only one from h hundred families be so devoted, we should have 270. If one ıth from each church in our communion should offer himself to this ·k, we could count 322 youth on the way to the ministry. Less we not have and even keep our own. More, far more, we must have, ve are to carry forward with vigor the work of Church Extension . move on in the fore-front of the Lord's host to the conquest of the ·ld. Material we have in abundance; there can not be at this hour ı than 30,000 youth in the congregations of the Reformed Protest- Dutch Church, between the ages of ten and twenty-one years, ned up in the pure faith of our Church and imbued with the active aspiring impulses which characterize American youth. How shall

we call them forth to the work of the Lord? How shall their young hearts be kindled with grateful love to their Redeemer, prompting them to consecrate their days to the work for which he lived and died! The question of aiding them on their way to the ministry is altogether a secondary and subordinate one. We must not look on education for the ministry as an eleemosynary affair. *All* the youth of our Church should be pressed with this claim. All the families of our Church should be summoned to offer their most highly-gifted and promising sons to the work of the Lord. It is true many of the most eminent and useful ministers of Christ have in all ages been brought forward and educated for this work by the Church herself. More than half the ministers in the different denominations of the American Church have, we believe, been so brought forward. It is a noble work. It is and will always continue to be a needful work, so long as God continues to "choose those who are poor in this world rich in faith." But never must the Christian Church allow the impression that her ministry, the highest and noblest of her offices, is unsuited for those to whom Providence has allotted wealth and other social advantages. That avenue to "glory and honor and immortality" must be pointed out to all. All her parents, all her sons must be pressed with the whole weight of her authority and influence to give themselves and their own, not their money merely, but their beloved offspring, with whatever advantages of culture and position may have been given them, to this work. The call would, your Committee believe, in a multitude of instances, be promptly and gladly responded

the right sort, "into his harvest." It is "from on high" that "the pirit" must be "poured out," before the youth of our Church can be rought to say, "I am the Lord's;"—"Here am I, send me!" The hurch owes perpetual gratitude, too, to those brethren who, amidst ie labors of their own charges, have heretofore sustained this important and onerous interest of our Church. But your Committee are rmly of opinion, that now, when every department of our Church's ctivity is undergoing a manifest expansion; when especially the great nd teeming West is unquestionably open to her in the way of Church Extension, and recent and now progressive changes are throwing down ll the barriers of the Pagan world, and even opening the dark dominon of the Man of Sin to Christian aggression; now, when our educaional facilities are greatly multiplied, when we have the means of raining our youth, at every stage of their progress, in institutions ounded by our own Church and controlled by her influence; when ur Theological Seminary could be training for the Christian ministry ive times the number who are at present in attendance there, and our iberal members are actually urging upon us the pecuniary means of n extended system of education, the Church is loudly called upon to nfuse new vigor and energy into this important and primary departnent of the work of her Lord. This is, in fact, the recruiting service f the Church; if it languish, her ranks must necessarily be thin, her novements feeble, her enrolments scanty and precarious.

Your Committee therefore beg leave to submit the following esolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Education be, and they are hereby empowered to appoint a Corresponding Secretary and General Agent, who shall be devoted to the advancement of the educational interests of our Church, if the means of supporting the said Agent can be provided without drawing on the other funds placed at the disposition of he Board.

The Report of the Board of Managers of the General Synod's S.S.U. states with expressions of regret the fact that, "while there are 434 Sunday-Schools in our denomination," only 167 of these are enrolled under the care of your Board; and that while the General Synod requires the Board "to collect from their pastors and consistories information on the state of the several schools, which shall be embodied in annual reports to the General Synod," "only eight (8) have responded this year to the request of the Board to send in their reports." The Board "deplore their inability from the aforesaid cause to give a general view of the state of the schools under their care; and also the apparent indisposition of the very great majority of pastors and consistories to comply with the recommendation of Synod."

This your Committee can not but regard as a state of things greatly to be regretted, and demanding a speedy and adequate remedy. Certainly, it is better either to disband the Board of the Synod's Sunday-School Union, and to relinquish the whole field to the American Sunday-School Union, or take such measures as will render the supervision of the Synod and her Board an actual and efficient one. That the Synod should from year to year call for accounts of the state of her

[illegible] out of four hundred and thirty-four schools within [illegible] should respond to the call, presents a state of [illegible] but result in weakening the authority of the Church, as well as withdrawing from her a charge which before all others devolves upon her—that of feeding the lambs within her own fold. If this interest is best managed by a voluntary society, over whose processes and publications our Church has no control, why not any and every other? The first and most sacred duty of a mother is to minister the food of her offspring; so of the Christian Church to her spiritual offspring. Will that offspring, as they grow up, know her, or love her, or venerate her as they should, unless they are nurtured in her own bosom? The thing is impossible, either in the household of nature or of grace. Your Committee are fully aware of the vast good which is accomplishing by the American Sunday-School Union. They regard it as a blessed and indispensable part of the great system of American benevolence. They rejoice in every dollar contributed to its funds by the opulent members of our Church. A sad day would it be for our country when that truly beneficent institution should be arrested or enfeebled. But that the schools within the communion of the Reformed Dutch Church should give an account of themselves to it, and not to the highest authority of their own Church, is an anomaly which your Committee feel can not continue without serious detriment to our interest, and, in truth, a manifest dereliction from duty.

The Board "deem it imperatively incumbent upon them at this

any benevolent purpose, impaired the resources or efficiency of a voluntary association for the same purpose. Since the Presbyterian Church has taken its missions under its own control, more is raised by *each* than was raised by *both* before, and the aggregate amount is fully quadrupled. Great is the advantage, in point of freeness, vigor, and activity, of separate and distinct operations. Liberal individuals in our Church will continue to give to the American Sunday-School Union as to a national institution. All the advantages to Christian sympathy and affection from combined celebration of anniversaries and similar manifestations of Christian cordiality and good will, we trust will be perpetuated. No harm and much benefit will, your Committee unanimously believe, result from the discontinuance of this outward bond, which brings no money to the treasury of the American Sunday-School Union, while it completely takes from General Synod the control and even the supervision of this important department of the education of her own children.

Your Committee therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the connection subsisting between the Board of Managers of the Sunday-School Union of the General Synod and the American Sunday-School Union, be and it hereby is dissolved.

The letter from Rev. Dr. Ferris, Chancellor of the University of the City of New-York, "asks the attention of Synod to the opportunity offered in the education of beneficiaries in literary preparations," by the fifteen "scholarships owned by members of the Dutch Church," in the University, and "which they are happy to have occupied." The Chancellor adds his assurance that he "will be happy to coöperate with any Committee or Board in securing their enjoyment to suitably-recommended young men." Your Committee regard with unfeigned satisfaction the liberality which has been manifested by these members of our Church towards that important institution, and express their grateful sense of the kindness which prompted this communication of the Chancellor of the University. But the whole conduct of the educational interest of General Synod is confided to its Board of Education, and in the "Plan of Operations" laid down by the General Synod at its annual meeting in 1851, your Committee finds the sphere of that Board limited by the first Article, as follows:

"The object of this Board is to aid indigent pious young men, who are preparing for the Gospel ministry, in the literary and theological institutions of the General Synod at New-Brunswick."

Your Committee therefore does not feel at liberty to propose any action on this subject.

The petition of the beneficiaries of Synod in our institutions for an addition to the allowance granted for their support, is based on the inadequacy of the sum of $120 heretofore granted for that purpose, in consequence of the great increase in all their expenses, especially in the article of boarding, and the painful necessity thus entailed upon them of contracting debts in the progress of their studies, notwithstanding the most rigid economy. Your committee feel that this fact is within the knowledge of all, and that therefore the reasonableness

of the [illegible] of our [illegible] brother admits of no doubt. They therefore propose the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Education be instructed to add thirty dollars per annum to the sum of $120 heretofore granted to the Beneficiaries of General Synod in our Institutions at New-Brunswick.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. PROUDFIT, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to the Board of Education to secure, if possible, the services of the clerical Professors in the Theological Seminary and Rutgers College during their vacations to visit such churches as may be agreed upon, to press upon them the claims of God and the Church for a large increase in the number of candidates for the ministry.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Education whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen, namely: Rev. George W. Bethune, D.D., Abraham Polhemus, and Mr. Samuel B. Schieffelin.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Managers of the General Synods' Sabbath-School Union, whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected,

The Committee on Rutgers College beg leave to submit their annual report as follows:

Little has occurred to require the attention of your Committee. All the interests of the Synod appear to be properly cared for and cherished.

In reference to the Van Benschoten Fund, it will be seen on pages 76, 77, and 89 of the Minutes of the General Synod of 1850, a particular mode or form of report was suggested and adopted by the Synod.

Through some cause this has not been complied with; perhaps it has been merely overlooked. Believing it important, your Committee deem it proper to call your attention to it.

By the plan now in progress for the endowment of Rutgers College, which your Committee are happy to learn, will be entirely successful, special advantages are secured to the subscribers. Your Committee, in view of the fact that our three Theological Professors perform college duties without compensation for the same, and that our beneficiaries constitute a material portion of the students of Rutgers College, regard it as both proper and equitable that the Church should be placed on as favorable terms in the education of her young men, as any individual subscriber. As the matter now stands, the Church, which is the main stay of the College, pays in full for every young man educated for her service. Your Committee would suggest for the consideration of the Synod, whether some action in the case is not necessary.

The term of service of the following members of this Committee expires at the present time: Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D., and William C. Miller.

By order and in behalf of the Committee,

ISAAC FERRIS, *Chairman.*

New-York, June 4, 1854.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the vacancies in the Standing Committee on Rutgers College. On counting the ballots, it appeared that Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D., and the Elder William C. Miller were elected.

Rev. Dr. Scott, addressed the Synod on the 8th day of the session in relation to the condition and prospects of Rutgers College.

Whereupon it was,

1. *Resolved, unanimously*, That in the judgment of this Synod a literary institution of the first class is an indispensable part of the educational apparatus of our Church.

2. *Resolved*, That we regard with great interest the efforts now making to secure the sum of $100,000 for the complete endowment of Rutgers College, an institution consecrated by the prayers and toils of its early founders, by its many years of usefulness, and by the blessing of God upon its officers and students.

3. [illegible] to all [illegible] consistories and members [illegible] prompt and liberal aid to the effort of the [illegible] upon a firm and enlarged basis.

ARTICLE XIV.

[illegible]ESSORATE.

Synod [illegible] to fill the places of those in the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary whose term of service had expired. [illegible] were received from the South Classis of New-York, [illegible] Schenectady, Montgomery, and Watervliet, which [illegible]. It was referred to the Committee on Nominations [illegible] the number of persons from whom to choose members for [illegible] who have not reported. The Committee reported, and the election took place accordingly.

The following [illegible] were chosen to fill vacancies in the Board of Superintendents: [illegible] John A. Lansing, Frederic F. Cornell, Abraham I. Smith, C. S. Mead, Oscar H. Gregory, D.D., John A. Staats, and George [illegible], D.D.

[illegible] the Classis of Ulster, Rev. John C. F. Hoes, D.D., was [illegible] Board in the place of Rev. Martin

cipated; specimen copies of which are on the table of Synod in plain binding; the size which formerly sold for sixty-two and a half cents has been reduced to fifty cents, and a neat small-sized edition is put at thirty-seven and a half cents. The large size, formerly sold at one dollar and twenty-five cents, is reduced to one dollar.

4. It is grateful to find the Church we all love so fondly, remembered from time to time by the people of God when making distribution of their earthly possessions, in view of death. The liberal endowment of the late Margaret Ten Eyck, of Albany of two scholarships, the interest to be appropriated to beneficiaries to be students in the Theological Seminary and to be designated by the Theological Professors; and the more recent bequest of Dr. P. Gannon, of the same city, of three hundred and fifty dollars, to be loaned to indigent theological students in our Theological Seminary on their notes, and to be repaid by the recipients, if able, after they shall be settled in life, with five per cent interest per annum, and as often as paid in to be re-loaned, but in no case any coërcive measures to be resorted to for re-payment, give us fresh evidence of the hold the cause of Christ and the institutions of our Church, as identified with that cause, have secured in the hearts of Christians.

In reference to the bequest of Dr. Gannon, and the wish of his widow, who is the executrix of his will, to know whether the General Synod will accept the trust on the terms of the will and deduct from the amount bequeathed the interest thereof, for the unexpired time allowed in the will previous to the bequest becoming payable, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Direction of the Corporation of the General Synod accept of said bequest in behalf of the General Synod on the terms specified, making the deduction of interest for the unexpired time of the year allotted for payment. And that the Board of Education designate the beneficiaries in the Theological Seminary to whom such money shall be loaned by the Board of Direction.

Furthermore, in respect to the funds heretofore devised, given, or granted to the General Synod for education purposes, your Committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Education cause to be procured, and recorded in a book to be provided for such purpose, a transcript of the bequests or grants, so made, that the specific terms of each may be sacredly observed in all particulars expressed therein.

5. Among the papers transmitted by the Board of Direction is an application on the part of the Broome-street Reformed Dutch Church in the city of New-York in reference to the tenure of their church property.

The case is peculiar. The facts are these: The deed conveying the land on which their church stands, dated 26th February, 1824, executed by five gentlemen composing a Building Committee, contains the following clause:

"That the church building erected on the land should be and continued to all intents and purposes whatsoever, in principle and practice a Reformed *Protestant Dutch* Church, according to the doctrines at

[illegible] in failure thereof the same shall be and become the property of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of North America."

From the great change going on in that part of the city, by the constant removals of families to other sections of it, it is not probable the congregation can remain there much longer, as the street must ere long be occupied for business purposes. The clause referred to in the deed would be an insuperable difficulty in the way of the sale of the property, however advantageous the offer might be; and the Synod meeting only once a year, negotiations for the sale might be retarded by a delay even for a portion of the year.

Moreover, the Consistory say, "They will cheerfully consent that any new purchase by them of ground for a church edifice shall be made subject to a like charge, or in case no purchase of another location is made, that the moneys arising from the sale of their church property shall be applied as might at the time be agreed upon by your Board and the Consistory."

Your Committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Direction of the Corporation of the General Synod be and hereby are authorized and empowered under its corporate seal at any time to unite in a deed or deeds of conveyance with the Consistory of the Church in Broome street, in the city of New-York, to the purchaser or purchasers in case of a sale or sales of the premises referred to, on such terms and conditions as may be [illegible]

sonally or in their behalf, by the Education Board more than thirty dollars per annum for tuition fees; they therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Trustees of Rutgers College be respectfully requested to place, as soon as practicable, the beneficiaries of the Church, whether aided by the Van Benschoten or Knox Funds, or any of the scholarships, or by the Education Board of the General Synod, on equal footing with those entitled to the benefit of the five-hundred dollar scholarships above referred to.

Should this action be sustained, it will afford the opportunity for the beneficiaries of the Van Benschoten Fund to receive therefrom, for aid in their support, ten dollars additional to the amount they now receive, which is so much needed on account of the present high rate of board.

The Treasurer of the College has also transmitted through the Board of Direction a full and detailed statement of securities of Van Benschoten and Knox Funds, showing the amounts respectively loaned on bond and mortgage, the interest received, and that unpaid thereon, accompanied by explanatory remarks. This document is highly satisfactory. But on examination of it, your Committee find two items claiming the attention of General Synod.

The first is the fact of a loan of one thousand dollars having been suffered by the Trustees to remain for eight years, ending 2d May last, without the payment of interest, and said unpaid interest amounts to the sum of four hundred and eighty dollars. Another loan of twenty five hundred dollars has, for two years ending 30th April last, remained, with interest amounting to three hundred dollars, unpaid; on these two obligations, therefore, seven hundred and eighty dollars' interest are due. This, whatever may be the well-meant forbearance of the Trustees, works a practical wrong to the valued object of the reverend donor, as set forth in his bequest. This amount of interest would sustain at least five beneficiaries for one year each. Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Trustees of Rutgers College cause the interest on said bonds to be collected, and unless speedily paid, that they call in the principal of the same and reinvest it, to those who will promptly pay their interest.

From the statement of the Knox Fund, it appears that $273.11, is the balance in the Treasurers' hands, and no beneficiary has received any thing from said fund during the past year. Your Committee recommend that the Board of Education designate to the Trustees some student to receive the benefit of this fund. Provided, nevertheless, that the terms of donation do not vest the nomination elsewhere; in which case, the persons having such right should be requested to make the nomination.

The Trustees of the College request the General Synod to nominate in future, specifically, the individuals whom they wish to be placed upon the Van Benschoten Fund, and the order in which they wish them to be received on the fund.

This was the practice of the General Synod for many years; other methods *have, however, since* been adopted, such as leaving it discre-

[illegible] in the Trustees of the College to select [illegible] beneficiaries, to fill such vacancies. The [illegible] following:

[illegible] That the beneficiaries now aided by the income of the Van [illegible] be continued during their course of study, and the [illegible] made by the General Synod.

[illegible] to the Van Benschoten Fund, you have been reminded [illegible] General Synod, adopted in 1850, (see Minutes, pp. 75, 76, 77,) of the adoption of a resolution specifying a certain mode [illegible] for exhibiting the state of said fund. The account presented [illegible] 76, 77, was so lucid and succinct as to satisfy all parties, and the continuance of that form was desired, to preserve from year to year an exhibit of the account sufficiently concise to be printed. But [illegible] the year 1849, no such Report has been returned to the Synod. Your Committee recommend for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Trustees of Rutgers College be requested to [illegible] to the next General Synod a continuous statement of the Van [illegible] from the year 1849 to the year 1855, in the form so [illegible] in the document referred to, and signed by P. Spader, Treasurer of the College.

7. Your Committee recommend the adoption by General Synod of the following preamble and resolution, respecting a site for a Chapel [illegible] College premises, at New-Brunswick:

Whereas, it appears that the sum of two thousand dollars has been [illegible] offered by George and William Douglass, Esqs., and Mrs. Cruger, toward the erection of a Chapel for Rutgers College,

[illegible]

language, his deficiency on this subject having arisen from a failure of his eye-sight during his course of study. We therefore recommend the accompanying resolution:

Resolved, That the dispensation asked for by Mr. Peck be and hereby is granted.

9. Recommendations for aid from beneficiary funds, namely: From the Classis of Holland, Jacob Van der Meulen, Yan Mokkelenkate, and Christian Van der Veen. From the Classis of Passaic, Abraham J. Doremus.

Your Committee recommend that the youths just named be and hereby are recommended to the Trustees of Rutgers College, as suitable persons to be placed upon the Van Benschoten or Knox Funds; and should there be no vacancies in the list of beneficiaries on said funds, that the Board of Education receive them under their care; it being understood that they are to comply with the regulations of Synod in reference to their preliminary examinations. The Committee would recommend that the beneficiaries here recommended be placed in the order of their names, as stated in this Report.

10. The Annual Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary attests the diligence and Christian consistency of the students. At the date of their Report it appears there were twenty-five students. The Board, however, are deeply impressed with the importance of an enlarged supply of pupils. The pressing demands on every hand for more laborers to cultivate the field, which is the world—no subject calls more loudly for attention than this. It needs to be brought home to the Classes, Consistories, and Communicants of our churches. With increased facilities for education, with a growing liberality in the churches, with the wants of the churches at home and in foreign lands, we need more heralds of the Cross to go forth, well equipped for the work of preaching the Gospel of the blessed God.

The Board have presented in their Report their action in reference to the preaching of Theological Students, referred to them by the last General Synod, (see Minutes, p. 69.) and recommend their being sanctioned by the General Synod. (See the Report, p. 395.)

They also recommend for the adoption of Synod, certain regulations respecting the applications to be made by individuals for beneficiary aid to the Board of Superintendents, and in this recommendation your Committee cordially unite. (See Report, p. 395.)

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN C. TAYLOR, *Chairman*

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

PREVAILING SINS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

The Twenty-Second Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The sermon in behalf of Domestic Missions was preached, on the evening of the second day of the Session, by Rev. John C. Van Liew, from Luke 24 : 47 :—"*Beginning at Jerusalem.*"

The Twenty-Second Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions was received, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Dutch Church was received, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Delegates on the floor of Synod from the Classis of Illinois

another year has passed away, and the languishing condition of this peculiar service has received no alleviation. The effect is, and must be, disadvantageous, in a painful degree. Messrs. Doty and Talmadge, in the language of the Report, "have deeply felt their need of being aided and strengthened by additional fellow-laborers. They have addressed urgent and most earnest appeals on this point." But the year had produced no new offer, and as yet their appeal is unsuccessful. *The effect*, with respect to the Mission in China, if the Church does not soon furnish aid, must be, that the needed help, to our shame, must come from some other source; and as it respects the field in Borneo, that we must permanently retire from its possession.

The Report further informs us, that "Messrs. Doty and Talmadge, during their residence at Amoy, have visited adjacent villages, and have industriously pursued their work at home. Thirty-three have been gathered into the Church, of whom twenty-two remain. The members have generally evinced consistency of Christian character, and those who have died have departed in the hope of the Gospel. The services of the Sabbath, the weekly meeting for preaching, the Bible-class, and social prayer-meetings, have been sustained, and a good amount of less formal labor has been done by the Evangelist Colporteur and other native brethren. Mr. Talmadge is engaged in translating and publishing portions of Scripture, Bunyan's Pilgrim," etc.

With regard to the Mission among the Tamuls, we learn from the Report, "that the Rev. Joseph Scudder and his wife sailed for India, in the beginning of June, 1853, and reached Arcot in October. Three brothers, the sons of Dr. Scudder, are now associated at Arcot, and engaged in their work among the Tamuls. Born among the Tamuls, on missionary grounds in Ceylon, they came in childhood to this country to receive a Christian education. By the Spirit of God they were brought to the hope of salvation, and thenceforward consecrated themselves to the missionary service."

Your Committee are happy to learn from the Report, that Messrs. Doty and Talmadge are meeting with encouraging success in China, and that three more sons of Dr. Scudder are now in training at the Theological Seminary of the Church, to reinforce their brothers in the Tamul Mission at Arcot.

But what shall we say of the field in Borneo—of the aid called for by the brethren at Amoy—of the fact that during the past year no new offer of a missionary has been made?

The island hamlets of the Dyaks are now left to solitude. Shall the idolater be forgotten?

China is now passing through a revolution, which the Report mentions as a marked and memorable feature of the times; and as being such not only because it promises to overthrow the present dynasty, but because the insurgents appear to possess a knowledge of Christian truth, in a partial measure. Amoy, the seat of our Mission, has been captured by the insurgents, and from them again taken by the Imperialists, with great slaughter. In these events, two things are worthy of special notice: the one, that God so mercifully protected and preserved our Missionaries; and the other, that during the possession of

[illegible] the Mission was crowded with hearers, [illegible] who are thus employed in so extraordinary a [illegible]. New attention is directed to China, both by British and American Christians. And shall *we* have no regard for the permanency and widening influence of our own well-situated Mission—a Mission of the highest moment to China and the world?

Fitted as the Gospel is to become the saving health of all nations, no greater favor can be conferred than to send the living preacher to proclaim Christ, the propitiation for sin; to invite men to the Spirit promised to guide them into all wisdom; to rescue the perishing from death; and to lift them up to an assured hope of immortality.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That our hands and our hearts are toward the "*Pathea*"—that prayers and love acknowledge that the debt *we* owe to Heaven and the Cross is a debt binding us to the work of Missions, and the conversion of the world, and that we will be unwearied in labors to reinforce our Missions.

2. *Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Board be requested to present this topic frequently to the view of the several classes of the Theological Seminary.

3. *Resolved*, That the records of Missions in various parts of the world deserve the study of every Christian; and that the more thorough diffusion of missionary intelligence, in the popular forms in which it is now furnished, is well worthy of the careful action of every minister and Consistory.

4. *Resolved*, That each minister be earnestly solicited to present the

Divine presence, and that a commendable attention is given to their temporal affairs that difficulties from these, alas! too common causes, may be removed out of the way.

The general aspect of the state and results of the operations of the Board during the year is gratifying.

The total amount of monies received during the year is $15,257.29.

The total amount paid out during the same time for appropriations and the necessary uses of the Board is the same amount of $15,257.29.

The report mentions another kind of contribution which is at once commendable on the part of donors and useful to the missionaries, to wit: clothing and house-keeping articles. This form of aid the churches can very conveniently render, and it merits a larger share of attention.

2. That the work committed to the charge of the Board of Domestic Missions is of the highest moment, whether it be reviewed in its spiritual aspects or in its connection with the growth and stability of the Church, is a proposition too plain to be denied or to require illustration.

Nor is any argument needed to commend the Board itself to the confidence of the Synod, their zeal and fidelity being equally tried and firm.

To give efficiency and permanence to this department of our interests, it is desirable, if not essential, that the action of the Church should be unanimous and cordial. It is not merely a work of charity; it is also a work for the truth as it is in Christ. The Synod, the Board, the Churches, act herein under the authority of our whole Ecclesiastical Constitution to spread and perpetuate the doctrines of grace, as we hold them in our faith and interpret them in our standards; and the plans, means, and fields of the missionary work are entirely within the control of the Synod. Of the character and resources of the Church your Committee need not speak, since these topics have been alike happily and strongly brought into view in the Report which treats of the formation of a Board of Publication. But we wish to present to the Synod this particular aspect of the missions, *their eminently denominational aspect.*

It appears that the collections in the churches within the bounds of the Particular Synod of New-York, amounting to $7894, have been made in 107 churches out of 161 churches; and that in the Synod of Albany, $2959 have been collected in 85 churches out of 158: there being included in this account $550 raised and appropriated within and by the Classis of Orange, consisting of 20 churches, without reference to this Board. Now if 127 churches in the two Synods, out of 339, have made no collection at all, does it not appear to be a proper subject of notice as a circumstance showing how greatly this department of our interests *needs a cordial universality of regard?* We pronounce no censure. We hold up no invidious distinction. But the doctrines and order, the government and prosperity of the Church, surely must be allowed to be strong arguments, beside the spiritual obligations of the case, *to support the claim of a cordial, universal, denominational support of missions.*

Your Committee submit to Synod the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That, in the judgment of this house, it is held to be the duty of every church and mission, without exception, to present to the cause of domestic missions a contribution, even if it be no greater than "the widow's mite," once in every year, and that each minister and missionary be enjoined to give this duty his especial care.

Resolved, 2. That all the present circumstances of the Church, all the aspects of moral, educational, political, and ecclesiastical affairs, and the state of the country, with the influences bearing upon our institutions, loudly call for united, energetic, and unwearied action in this cause.

Resolved, 3. That the Board be instructed to commence new enterprises, with the least possible delay, in every prominent place, whether east or west, with especial reference to forming a continuous line of churches from the Atlantic westward.

III. We learn also from this report that "*nothing has been a more serious hindrance to our progress than the lack of suitable laborers.*"

It is indeed a [illegible] fact that when the fields are white for harvest, when important openings present themselves in the larger cities and [illegible] towns, and when thronging multitudes migrate to our shores, we [illegible] ministers who shall go and do the great work so [illegible] in the Master's vineyard. Our only resource, however, is in the [illegible] command of Him who has bidden us pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth "laborers into his harvest."

Our [illegible] Committee submit the following resolution:

Resolved, [illegible] specially requested that each minister shall [illegible] to the subject in his usual ministrations on

5. No part of said fund shall be appropriated within the limits of the cities of New-York, Brooklyn, or Jersey City.

6. The several Classes shall take order, that a general concerted effort be made to raise the aforesaid sum, on the second Sabbath of the month of January, and to have a yearly collection in every subsequent year.

7. A Committee shall be appointed, consisting of Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, Gustavus Abeel, Oscar H. Gregory, and the Elders Abraham Van Nest and Albert Chrystie to prepare a circular, setting forth the details of the plan, and its claims, and generally to aid in the accomplishment of the enterprise.

III. *Of the Communication from the Classis of Holland.*—This document presents the inquiry whether a teacher in the Holland Academy may be at the same time commissioned by the Board of Domestic Missions as a missionary, whose duty it shall be to preach in the English language, under the direction of that Classis. The force of the inquiry lies in the fact that the Academy alone does not furnish a sufficient support for its principal, and that an appropriation from the Board would, by his employment as an English missionary on the Sabbath, accomplish what is otherwise a fatal deficiency. A strict construction of the laws of the Board enacted by this Synod, would forbid such a course. It is, however, to be taken into consideration, that to render aid to the colonies of emigrants from the fatherland has been accepted as one of the great duties of domestic missions, and has received the approbation of the Church. English preaching, the want of which in our early history has so irremediably injured and afflicted us, is asserted by the Classis of Holland as necessary to the religious education of their young people, their gradua preparation for American service, and their safety (as to sound doctrine) in hearing American preaching. This measure receives the attention of the Board, and appointments have been made. Now, your Committee are of opinion that the interests of this field of domestic missions fully justify *the employment of the teacher of the Holland Academy in the office of the ministry, although it may be in no immediate pastorship, nor yet in an itinerant mission*, and that a sufficient appropriation for the contemplated ministerial service may be properly made.

We submit the following resolution: *Resolved*, That the Board of Domestic Missions be, and they are hereby empowered to grant an appointment and appropriation as the Holland Classis have desired, subject, however, always to the laws which regulate their appropriations in other respects.

The Report of the Board alludes to an arrangement made for the purpose of the prompt payment of appropriations. The details of so important an arrangement are not set forth, but your Committee may state that, through an agreement entered into between some of the lay members of the Executive Committee and one of the city banks, the Treasurer is enabled to draw money up to a certain maximum amount,

[illegible] This generous plan, [illegible] responsibility of the members [illegible] greatly the embarrassments which have been at times so painful to the missionaries, and so dishonoring to the Church. We mention this fact to the honor of the brethren who have entered into this arrangement, and at the same time, with the further object of presenting it as an argument to the Churches for their prompt and united support of the Board. These bank accounts are of course repaid as collections are paid into the treasury.

Your Committee would mention, also, the diligence of the Board in its interesting charge. During the past year, for a period of three months, the Corresponding Secretary was laid aside from his duties by a severe and dangerous illness. The Rev. Dr. Taylor immediately came forward, and assumed the duties thus providentially interrupted, and enabled the Executive Committee to carry forward the work with [illegible], while the benefits of the office were of course all continued to our disabled brother.

Your Committee conclude with remarking that the view of the missions presented in the Report of the Board, when taken together with the whole aspect of the Church, inspires them with the belief that there has been no period in our history when so many circumstances, both within and around our heritage, incited to a firm, cordial, and undivided action. Let the Church foster, with unsparing care, our whole circle of Boards and Institutions, and with the blessing of

that the following were chosen, viz.: Rev. James Scott, D.D., Charles S. Hegeman, William J. R. Taylor, and Messrs. William B. Crosby, Theodore Frelinghuysen, Maurice Viele, Charles Dusenberry, and John I. Brouwer.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect individuals to preach the Annual Missionary Sermons, the Synod proceeded to the election, when Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, D.D., was chosen *Primarius* to preach the sermon on the subject of Foreign Missions, and Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, *Secundus;* Rev. Charles S. Hegeman was chosen *Primarius* to preach the sermon on behalf of Domestic Missions, and Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, *Secundus.*

Resolved, That the Board of Domestic Missions be requested to pay the expenses of our Missionaries in the West, and their Elders who are delegates to the present session of the General Synod; provided, that not more than four delegates from any one Classis claim the benefit of this provision, and that not more than $50 be paid to any one person.

ARTICLE XIX.

WIDOWS' FUND.

The Committee on the Widows' Fund reported, and their Report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Widows' Fund respectfully report: That they have examined the documents placed in their hands from the Treasurer of the Fund, in which they learn that the present amount of the fund is $13,741.93. Of this amount $12,750 is invested on bond secured by mortgage, and the balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer is $991.93. There are at present eight annuitants who have received of income during the past year, arising from interest and payment of subscriptions, $1375. Amount received as income, $2669.08. Of this, $1100 was received from clerical subscribers to the fund, who now number 61. Six have withdrawn their subscriptions during the year.

Only nine churches have made collections to be added to the fund, viz.: Market-street Church in New-York, 2d Church of Albany, New Utrecht, Six-Mile Run, Bergen, Wayne-street, Jersey City; Wynant's Kill, Hackensack, and Waterford; amounting in all to $189.69.

We regret that this fund does not receive a larger share of the liberality of the churches, and that a greater number of our ministers do not interest themselves in it. At the present time, while the salaries of most of our ministers are scarcely sufficient for their support, and no provision can be made for the future for their families out of incomes so inadequate, does not this fund afford them the very best and most economical provision for sickness and widowhood? Your

Committee express the hope that the Church, and her ministry, will do far more for an object so benevolent, and which has already proved that its founders were right in their conception of its working and utility.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. DURYEA, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XX.

PARTICULARIA.

It appearing that no delegation was appointed by the Particular Synod of Albany to attend this Synod from the Classis of Holland, and a certified copy of an act of that Classis having been presented, nominating Rev. A. C. Van Raalte as such delegate, it was

Resolved, That the name of Rev. A. C. Van Raalte be enrolled as a member of this Synod.

The communication containing the bequest of Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

Certain resolutions were presented in relation to the subject of the New-Brunswick *Review*, which having been discussed, it was

Resolved, That the subject be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Rev. Thomas De Witt, John De Witt, and Gustavus Abeel. The Committee reported the following resolution, which was

importance, both in itself considered, and in its bearing upon special and momentous issues which must flow from it. This thought, together with the fact that it proposed a new field of operation to the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, has induced your Committee to view the entire subject with candor and caution during the past year. The Committee have held several meetings for conference and investigation. They have also examined the Constitution of the different Ecclesiastical Boards of Publication, in order that a clearer and more correct understanding might be obtained of the practical working of these different plans. Two of the Committee have also visited in person the Presbyterian Board of Publication, which is located in the city of Philadelphia. They were received with great respect and courtesy. And to the credit of the managers of the Institution it must be said, that they most freely furnished your Committee with every necessary item of information. In a few hours, by observing the harmonious and systematic operation of every department, we learned more of the practicability of such institutions than could have been acquired by months employed in theorizing and planning. A lengthened conversation was also held with Rev. Dr. Boardman, who is the Chairman of the Executive Committee, who most fully and to our entire satisfaction explained the internal operations of the Board, their mode of procedure in the Executive Committee, and the nature of the various plans which they had adopted to give efficiency to the Board.

This information was fully reported to the Committee. After a careful investigation of the entire subject in all its bearings, your Committee felt most deeply impressed with the thought that the time had fully come for the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church to come up and take her bounden position in the rank with every other branch of the Church of God, and to which in her Pastoral department of Christian benevolence, and hence they have [illegible] only

Resolved, That it was both expedient and practicable for the General Synod to organize a Permanent Board of Publication.

To lay before the Synod all the reasons which influenced the Committee would trespass too much upon [illegible]. We shall, therefore, only present the more important.

Whilst the first and chief instrumentality for spreading abroad divine truth is the ministry of reconciliation, the Master's own appointment, and to which he has promised special blessing, yet it is not derogating one jot from the honor and dignity of the pulpit, to say that the religious Press is an auxiliary to it. The living ministry can only personally present and unfold the riches of God; but in order to develop [illegible] its beauty and its [illegible] the Christian character, the religious [illegible] must find their way to the parlor, the fireside, the closet, the counting-room, and the workshop, that thus through the hours of the week, the mind and conscience may become more deeply impressed, and the pious soul more fully imbued with the spirit of truth. But who shall supply this religious reading? "Most private publishers regard this description of [illegible] too little adapted to the popular taste to be [illegible]. The [illegible] generally willing to engage in this department of publishing. A few Christian women have

[illegible] to the diffusion of [illegible] religious literature, and [illegible] services to the truth, and to the best interests of their fellow-men they deserve all praise." But what they are accomplishing is but as the drop in the bucket, when compared with the pressing wants of the Church and the world? A very large proportion, perhaps by [illegible] the largest, of our own congregations, lies beyond the [illegible] of [illegible] and the regular channels upon which the trade depends for their circulation. How are the farms, the cabins, the [illegible] and new settlements to be supplied? Shall we [illegible] Societies of the day, the American Tract Society [illegible]? We reply, that whilst we respect and love these Associations, and would ever bid them God-speed, yet they are Union [illegible] principle, and hence only such works as shall meet the approbation of the Committee can be published; hence, sometimes what we, as true Calvinists, consider as the strong meat, may be rejected, and [illegible] which, while it may warm the heart and strengthen the [illegible] may not fully enlighten the mind and affect the judgment. To whom, therefore, shall we look for this supply of religious reading, with [illegible] confidence than to the Church? No Benevolent Institution [illegible] of the responsibility of feeding her own children with the [illegible] of life; she has ample means, and is therefore abundantly [illegible] every one of her numerous households, a literature adapted to build up God's people in their most holy faith, and [illegible] unto salvation. Again: As a branch of [illegible] the Calvinistic family, it is the duty of the Re[illegible]

the Presbyterian denominations, which was held in the fall of 1848, seemed to be so impressed with the urgent nature of this want, and of the imperative duty of the Church to meet it in some way, that they use the following language: "The undersigned would venture to suggest for the consideration of the Synod, whether it would not be a most effectual means of disseminating more widely among our people those views of doctrine and church government we deem important, if the Synod recommended to our ministers and churches to render every facility in their power to colporteurs for the circulation of the many admirable works issued by the Presbyterian Board of Publication."

Upon this recommendation the Synod adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That in accordance with the suggestion of the delegates, they recommend the ministers and churches under their care, to render every facility in their power to colporteurs for the circulation of the many admirable works issued by the Presbyterian Board of Publication, that bear directly on the great distinctive principles of evangelical truth and Presbyterial order.

From this Synodical action, it is evident that the Reformed Dutch Church has long felt the importance of widely disseminating a religious literature which was not only evangelical but also distinctive in its nature, setting forth, in the clearest and most convincing light, the peculiar doctrines, history and polity of the great Presbyterial family; and simply because there existed no permanent Board of Publication in our own Church, the Synod naturally looked to that of the Presbyterian Church, and most cordially recommended its publications for general circulation.

The question, then, before your Committee was not the importance of a religious and evangelical literature, but whether it was expedient for the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church to organize an independent Board of Publication, which, by publishing works both of a practical and distinctive character, and also by circulating those of other evangelical churches, which may be properly approved, might fully meet the pressing wants of the Church? In regard to this point, your Committee are fully convinced. The Reformed Protestant Dutch Church occupies a position in this country, which is calculated to attract the attention of every other religious denomination. The oldest denomination in the country, and containing within herself resources well nigh unlimited, she is capable, if untrammeled and unopposed, of exerting a wide-spread and healthful influence, not only upon her own communion, but also upon every other denomination, and the world.

In whatever point of view you contemplate her, she is the object of interest. Venerable in her history, pure and Calvinistic in her doctrine, representative in her polity, and harmonious in her operations, she may well claim the united regard of other churches and the world. Linked by historic association with the Reformed Church of Holland, and by ecclesiastical association with the Synod of the Reformed Church, held at Dordrecht in the years 1618 and 1619, what denomination can claim a more honored ancestry? And what better

[illegible] than to have a place in a Church [illegible] from those sainted men, who though [illegible] unwarranted egotism, therefore, in us to [illegible] respect, and love that Church which for centuries [illegible] of error and delusion, as a beacon light, [illegible] the [illegible] to the way of life, and which, like Gibraltar [illegible] the [illegible] of the dissensions and defections which have painfully [illegible] churches, has always remained true to her Calvinistic [illegible] in her support of the distinctive features of the [illegible] Reformation.

If from her history and polity we turn to glance at the character of her ministry, what Church can present a fuller and brighter array of more able, pious, and indefatigable men, whose praise is in all the churches? What theologian in this country was deeper read in the Scripture, and more able to unfold the deep things of heavenly truth, than her own Livingston? What critics more learned and familiar with the science of truth, than her lamented De Witt and Woodhull? What Church historian more conversant with the dry details of past centuries, what ecclesiastical politician better skilled in the laws of God's house, and what pastor more fully acquainted with the duties and responsibilities of this solemn office, than her truly lamented Cannon? from whose lips truth fell with impressive power, and from whose feet, as from Gamaliel, the vast proportion of the ministry of the Church has gone forth. What missionary more devoted, spiritually minded, and successful, than the cherished Abeel?

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ination appears familiar; and with a correct understanding of the distinctive features of the Church, Christians are found ready to coöperate in the establishment and maintenance of such an organization.

But in this respect, *as a Church*, we have, comparatively speaking, done nothing. Whilst a few of our ministry, upon their own individual responsibility, have published works designed to unfold and explain the distinctive features of the Church, yet officially the Church has done, in this line of duty, but little. The religious works of her ministry are published by other parties, and even Dr. Cannon's eminent work on Pastoral Theology, which is destined to become the text-book in the most of the theological seminaries, and which is peculiarly the offspring of the Dutch Church, is published (for the want of a Church Board) by a publishing house in the city of New-York.

To whatever cause it may be attributable, outside of the immediate boundaries of the Dutch Church, there does exist a wide-spread ignorance in regard to her history and character. She is sometimes confounded with other denominations, and consequently, so long as this ignorance (be it willful or otherwise) exists, the Church must to a greater or less degree feel its blighting influence. The tongue of scandal has also during the past year uttered its calumnies, and circulated against us the most unprovoked falsehoods, whilst the pen of controversy, dipped in gall, and wielded by deceit, has written against us bitter things; and in fact, from the elevated and commanding position which as a Church we assumed last year, in protesting against every departure from the faith once delivered to the saints, we must expect these attacks from every side, and in every variety of form. How, then, shall we remove this ignorance, uproot these prejudices, and meet these attacks? Most assuredly it is not to be done by remaining quiet at home in the full and blest enjoyment of our valued privileges; neither is it to be done by a radical change of our policy; but simply by giving a wider scope for the operation of the Church, by the establishment and vigorous maintenance of a Permanent Board of Publication, to meet an exigency for which there is no other provision, and which, as a separate denomination, we are bound to supply; for we hold that the apostolic injunction is equally as applicable to the household of faith as it is to the domestic: "But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." If the Church does not train up her own children, and also sufficiently enlighten all (both within and without her bounds) in respect to her peculiar and commendable character, she need not think it strange if her children wander to other folds, and few come in from without to increase her number and augment her strength. And surely none can object to a denominational literature; for however this expression may, in the opinion of some, savor of sectarianism, yet we firmly believe that a Christian denomination, no matter how well founded and supplied with means of improvement in other respects, can not prosper to a very high degree without a sound and well-approved denominational literature, and that no institution can supply except the Church itself. Hence, in the establishment of *such* a literature, the Dutch Church is presented

[illegible] usefulness, upon which she is called to [illegible] by the urgent wants of her people. Silently, but still most successfully, through her distinctive publications, would the Church in its own way, and under its own control, extend the area of her usefulness, and cause her institutions to be respected and approved by all.

In the publication of the *New-Brunswick Review* (which for ability, research, critical acumen, and interest of style, must demand respect and patronage) an important step has been taken; and if the General Synod will only follow it, by establishing the proposed Board, and efficiently maintain it, your Committee are firmly of the opinion, that then the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church will assume her rightful position, and her influence be felt and acknowledged by every branch of the Church. No longer will she be regarded as the Benjamin, "the little one among the thousands of Judah;" for in her historic honors, and in the dignity and learning of her ministry, in the intelligence and culture of its laity, in the wisdom and efficiency of its plans of operation, and through her widely-diffused Church literature, her peculiar excellences will become known and approved, her name honored, and her institutions respected.

Having now considered the expediency of establishing an independent Board of Publication, the second point of inquiry suggested in the resolution of our appointment, is that of *practicability*.

Upon this point, your Committee would refer the Synod to the early history of the Presbyterian Board, as illustrating, most convincingly, the practicability of such an organization.

ıne would scarcely receive sufficient attention to insure its
success."

e 2d of November, 1833, the Board met, and appointed their
and Executive Committee. The first act of the Executive
tee, in furtherance of the views of their appointment, was the
ion and publication of a circular, to present the object to the
and solicit coöperation. Without funds, without suitable
nd with but little general interest enlisted in their behalf, the
f Managers accomplished but little during the first twelve
of their appointment. They were not, however, idle, but
in correspondence to procure original tracts, as well as to
he requisite funds. In the year 1835, they commenced their
ions, by issuing five tracts; in 1836, four other tracts were
the number; and the first five were stereotyped, to meet the
ıg demand. The funds with which these operations were
ced were chiefly derived from the contributions of a few indi-

In the year 1837, four other tracts were published, and an
of tracts in volume form was printed. The Board, in report-
ynod this year, remarks, "that in addition to the 750 copies
lume of tracts, they had issued, since the origin of the Society,
opies of the various tracts." They also add, that "although
l commenced without funds, they had at that time—besides a
in the Treasury of $647—a stock in trade valued at $1769.
tributions during this year were $615. Of this sum, the 1st
erian Church in New-York contributed $319, and the balance
le up by four individuals."

vas the fourth year of its existence, and up to this time the
ad only gained the support of a single church in the denomi-
and yet, notwithstanding this discouragement, its operations
ccessfully carried forward. As it may be interesting and
ve to see the feeble commencement of this undertaking, and
ess in the receipt of funds, we copy the following from the
r's account:

ts in 1834,	$217 34
" 1835,	460 37½
" 1836,	407 50
" 1837,	630 80
" 1838,	723 77
tal amount of Receipts in five years,	$2439 78½

year 1838, the Board was placed under the immediate care
rol of the General Assembly, and a general and well-directed
as put forth by the Church at large; so that from that time to
Board has rapidly grown in importance, and now exerts a
ead influence, scattering the pure rays of Divine light over the
d by sin and ignorance, and at the same time disseminating
near the peculiar features and excellencies of Presbyterianism.
may with truth be said, that the Presbyterian Church owes

its present commanding position and extent of territory, in a great degree, to the efficiency of its Board of Publication. Exclusive of sales, the receipts for the year, in donations, ending May, 1853, is $13,911.01.

We have presented this rapid sketch of the rise and progress of the Presbyterian Board, in order that the General Synod might see at a glance the practicability of such an organization. And surely, if a few individuals could successfully carry forward so important an undertaking—and that, too, in the face of the all-but universal indifference of their own Church—there can not be a question that with the united cooperation of our Church, a similar Board, organized by the General Synod, would be not only successful, but, under the Divine benediction, also prove a blessing to the Church. A general spirit of inquiry would be awakened, and knowledge would be disseminated, and the Church be enabled more efficiently to fulfil the Master's great command, to go into the regions beyond and preach the Gospel to every creature.

In proposing the organization of a Board of Publication, your Committee would remark, that they do not contemplate the establishment of a printing-house and bindery for the execution of the work required. This they would decidedly disapprove. They propose that, as in the case of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the London Religious Tract Society, all the work should be done by contract, and given to those who offer the best inducements. By this course a large outlay of means would be saved,

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BOARD OF PUBLICATION OF THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH.

Article 1st.

The General Synod shall superintend and conduct by its own authority the publication and circulation of all the religious works which are designed for general diffusion among the churches under its care. The immediate care and superintendence of this work shall be intrusted to a Board appointed for that purpose, to be called the Board of Publication of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, said Board to be directly amenable to the General Synod.

Article 2d.

SEC. 1st. The General Synod shall at its present session elect twelve ministers and twelve laymen as members of the Board of Publication, one-third part of whom shall be elected annually by General Synod. These twelve ministers and twelve laymen, so appointed, shall constitute a Board to whom shall be intrusted, with such directions and instructions as may from time to time be given by General Synod, the superintendence of all the publications of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, and the circulation of such works pertaining to the history, government, doctrines, and religious literature of said Church and of other evangelical denominations as shall be properly approved.

SEC. 2d. The Board shall annually report to the General Synod their proceedings, and submit for its approval such plans and measures as shall be deemed useful and necessary.

Article 3d.

SEC. 1st. The Board thus constituted shall hold its first meeting in the Consistory Room of the North Dutch Church, in Fulton street, New-York, on the last Monday of June, at 2 o'clock P.M. At this meeting they shall divide themselves into three classes: The *first* class shall serve for *one* year, the *second* for two years, and the *third* for three years. They shall also elect a President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee to serve for the ensuing year.

SEC. 2d. It shall belong to the Board to review and decide upon all the proceedings of the Executive Committee, to receive and dispose of their Annual Report, and present any statement of their proceedings to the General Synod which they may deem necessary.

SEC. 3d. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article 4th.

SEC. 1st. The Executive Committee shall consist of seven members, of which the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members; of the remaining five, three shall be ministers and two laymen.

SEC. 2d. The duty of the Executive Committee shall be to select and prepare suitable tracts and books for publication, to superintend and direct their distribution, to receive the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and give him needful directions, in reference to matters of business and correspondence intrusted to him, to authorize all appropriations of moneys, and to take particular direction and management of the whole subject of publication, subject, however, to the control and direction of the Board of Managers.

SEC. 3d. The Committee shall have power to fill their own vacancies, if any occur during the recess of the Board.

Article 5th.

All property and permanent funds which may belong to said Board of Publication shall be taken in the name of the "Board of Direction of the Corporation," and held in trust by them for the use and benefit of the Board of Publication of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

It was *Resolved*, That the By-Laws submitted by the Committee for he management of the business of the Board of Publication be eferred to that Board for their consideration.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Nominations to nominate double the number of persons, from whom to elect members of the Board of Publication. The Committee reported, and the election took place accordingly, when the following persons were chosen, namely: Rev. William H. Campbell, D.D., Thomas M. Strong, D.D., Joseph F. Berg, D.D., George W. Bethune, D.D., Alexander McClure, Isaac Ferris, D.D., William J. R. Taylor, Talbot W. Chambers, D.D., Thomas C. Strong, David D. Demarest, John Garretson, Elbert S. Porter, and Messrs. Samuel B. Schieffelin, Clarkson F. Crosby, Stephen Van Rensselaer, Maurice Viele, John A. Gray, Minot C. Morgan, James Myers, James C. Meeks, Wallace Cauldwell, Jerome J. Johnson, William B. Crosby, and Edward F. Stewart.

An invitation was received from the Superintendents of the Public Schools of Hudson to visit the schools under their charge.

Resolved, That the invitation of the Superintendents be accepted, and that a Committee, consisting of Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook, Gustavus Abeel, J. C. F. Hoes, and P. H. Burghardt, and the Elders John Sanders and John Brinkerhoff be appointed to visit the schools, who subsequently reported that they had attended to the duty assigned o them.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of establishing a Sustentation Fund, (see Art. 7,) reported, and their Report was ccepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the circular of Rev. John Garretson, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, on the subject of a Sustentation Fund, transmitted by the Classis f Bergen, repectfully report:

The subject of the support of the ministry as connected with the omfort, efficiency, and usefulness of ministers, the continued and eeded supply of their numbers, and the general interests and welfare the Church, is beginning to claim more general and marked attenon. Several ecclesiastical bodies have recently taken action in relaon, religious periodicals contain discussions and facts in relation, and is hoped that the leading laymen in the churches are beginning to el the importance of taking practical steps for removing the evils sulting from the inadequate support of the ministry. The statistics hich have been collected and presented show that in a large extent e salaries are so low, that even in former years the most rigid econny was needed to meet the expenses of the necessaries of living, hile within a short time these expenses of living have increased rgely, perhaps one third. The great point to be aimed at is to vaken the members of our congregations acquainted with existing

facts, and to impress upon them the importance of taking measures to secure the more liberal support of the ministry among themselves. For this end it may be well for our Board of Domestic Missions to present an appeal, to be circulated at their discretion, containing facts and arguments bearing upon this subject. Classes should, at their sessions, take a survey of the field occupied by them, and devise suitable means to excite the congregations, where an inadequate support of the Gospel is found, to make increased efforts. In most cases it is hoped that such means, wisely employed, would prove successful. In such success not only would the ministers be comforted, strengthened, and encouraged in their work, but it would return into the bosom of the Church itself, by an increased measure of liberality bearing upon the interests of the cause of Christ, and a larger supply of the spirit of grace. We are pleased to find that the Classis of Albany have taken up the subject, and have published, in pamphlet form, a report of a committee of their body, in which it is ably discussed. The circulation of this pamphlet is well adapted to do good. There is also a valuable article on the subject in the first number of the *New-Brunswick Review* just issued. Much will depend upon the interest felt and the influence exerted by the lay members of the Synod and of our churches in promoting this object.

However successful such efforts may be, there will ever remain cases of peculiar hardship, and it is highly desirable that a fund should exist to meet such cases. Your Committee doubt whether, amid the many objects now presented for Church collections, it would be expedient to

nevolent individuals in our churches' contributions toward it, and hat they report to the next General Synod on the expediency of rganizing a Sustentation Fund, and prepare a plan on which it is to e supported.

The paper referred by the Classis of Bergen to the Synod refers to isabled ministers and widows of ministers, as well as ministers ressed by want while laboring, to receive the benefit of the contemlated Sustentation Fund. It will be remembered that the Widows und provides for disabled ministers who have contributed to it, and he widows of such ministers. The benefit of the Sustentation Fund ould only apply to such who had not contributed to it.

THOMAS DE WITT, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly request the elders and deacons f every church within our bounds to call a meeting of the congregaion on the last Monday of October, for the purpose of examining the uestion whether, considering the increased expense of living, their astor receives an adequate support, and that they then proceed to ake such order as the case demands.

Resolved, That the churches be requested to take up a collection on r about the first Sabbath in November in behalf of the Board of ublication.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Synod be authorized to pay the ecessary expenses which have been incurred by the Committee to quire into the expediency and practicability of establishing a Board f Publication.

Rev. William H. Ten Eyck, Alexander C. Hilman, Peter Stryker, nd John L. McNair, and the Elder Sanford Cobb were appointed a Comittee of Canvass, to whom the ballots cast for filling vacancies in the everal Boards of the Synod, for delegates to the General Assembly of he Presbyterian Church, and for persons to preach the Missionary ermons, were committted, who reported the result of the election.

Whereas, copies of the Digest of the Minutes of the General ynod, made in 1847, have become rare and are not easily accessible,

Therefore, *Resolved*, That the Committee who originally formed that igest be requested to prepare a new edition of the same, bringing it own to the present time, and that they refer their work, when comlete, to the Board of Publication, who are hereby authorized to issue from the press as soon as their resources shall allow.

Resolved, That the Boards of Education, Foreign Missions, Domesic Missions, Sabbath-School Union, and Publication be and are ereby directed and authorized to present hereafter a printed annual eport to the Synod; and that the expense of the same be paid out of e funds in their respective charge.

Resolved, That the following letter be signed by the officers of this body and be sent in the form of a circular to each one of the consistories of our Church:

Dear Brethren: The General Synod has learned at its present session, with great pain, that many of the Lord's servants in the office of the ministry are suffering serious embarrassment from the lack of a proper temporal support. The evil results of this state of things are so many and so great, that we have felt constrained to pass the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That this Synod earnestly request the elders and deacons of every church within our bounds to call a meeting of the congregation on the last Monday of October, for the purpose of examining the question whether, considering the increased expense of living, their Pastor receives an adequate support, and that they then proceed to take such order as the case demands."

In making this request we are far from implying that all or even a large proportion of our churches are blameable in this respect, but we are unable to make the proper discrimination, and it has occurred to us, that if any consistory should find on inquiry that their own minister is adequately supported, it would then be a very proper matter for their consideration whether they can in any way assist their less favored brethren.

The Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Classes on

portance of preserving an intimate and vital union between
e portions of our Church, and at the same time the difficul-
ich distant and feeble Classes are subjected in defraying the
of their delegates, must be apparent to all. Your Committee,
only feel it necessary to propose the following resolution:
d, That the following Classes be requested to raise the sums
o them respectively in the following list, and to pay the same
Treasury of the General Synod before the 1st of January
lefray the expenses of delegates to the General Synod from
s of Illinois, Michigan, and Holland:

New-York,	$50	Rensselaer,	$20
ssis of New-York,	20	Washington,	10
iswick,	30	Montgomery,	20
	30	Schoharie,	20
	20	Schenectady,	20
ssis of Long Island,	30	Cayuga,	20
ssis of Long Island,	20	Orange,	30
hia,	30	Greene,	15
psie,	30	Watervliet,	10
	20	Monmouth,	10
	30		
	30		$515

is respectfully submitted.

J. PROUDFIT, *Chairman.*

d, That another committee be added to the Standing Com-
o be called "Committee on Publication," and also another
o be called "*Board of Publication.*"

ARTICLE XXI.

NEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

A. Connelly, Agent of the New-York State Colonization
and Rev. Dr. Baird, one of the Secretaries of the American
eign Christian Union, addressed the Synod in relation to the
s of these Societies on the sixth day of the session; whereupon
ring Minute was adopted:

ynod having listened with great pleasure to the statements
Rev. Mr. Connelly in behalf of the New-York State Colo
Society, and by Rev. Dr. Baird of the operations of the
n and Foreign Christian Union, cordially recommend the
of these Societies to the liberality and coöperation of the
in our connection.

George W. Wood, one of the Secretaries of the A. B. C. F.
, addressed the Synod on the eighth day of the session in rela-
he operations of the American Board; whereupon it was

Resolved, That this Synod feel an increased interest in the cause of Foreign Missions; that we feel an increased confidence in the wisdom and efficiency of the Board whom we use as our organ for reaching the heathen with the Gospel, and that we earnestly recommend to our several churches an increased zeal and coöperation in this mode of extending Christ's kingdom over the earth.

ARTICLE XXII.

PASTORAL LETTER

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts reported, and their Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Accounts respectfully report: That there have been referred to them a bill of $3 for printing tickets of nomination; a bill of $68.25 for printing the Liturgy as altered by the Committee

lasting impression of the pleasure derived from the social and Christian intercourse which they have enjoyed.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be and the same are hereby tendered to the proprietors of the *New-York Daily Times* and the *Hudson Daily Star* for the publication of the proceedings of this body in the columns of those secular journals during the present session of the Synod.

Agreeably to the standing rule of Synod, the roll was called at the close of the session, when it appeared that the following persons were absent without permission, viz.: Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, Benjamin F. Murden; and the Elders, William Radley and Anthony Van Bergen.

The Minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned to meet in the Second Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the city of New-Brunswick, on the first Wednesday in June, A.D. 1855, at 10 o'clock A.M., and was closed with singing the 571st hymn, prayer, and pronouncing the Apostolic benediction by the President.

M. S. HUTTON, *President.*
DAVID D. DEMAREST, *Adsessor.*
J. PASCHAL STRONG, } *Clerks.*
JOHN MASON FERRIS, }

Official copy from the original Minutes.

THOMAS M. STRONG *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

Letter from the Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in Southern Africa.

To the Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church in the United States of America, the Synod of the Sister Church, planted by the good hand of the Lord, the great Head of the Church in Southern Africa, wishes grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord, through the all-powerful influences of the holy and sanctifying Spirit.

Dearly Beloved Brethren:

Expressing our belief, as we continually do, in the communion of saints, it is to be regretted that so little intercourse takes place among those who profess to belong to the great body of which Christ, our blessed Lord, is the

Natal, 2 Parishes, but only one minister; and in the Republic beyond the Vaal River, 3 parishes, but there also, amid the thousands who have emigrated to those countries, but one minister. Our Church is divided into six Presbyteries, which meet annually. Our Synod, composed of all the officiating ministers and an elder from each parish, meets once in five years, but delegates its power, in the interim, to a Synodical Commission, which is composed of the president and secretary of the Synod, together with a delegate from each Presbytery.

The lack of ministers, and the difficulties and dangers connected with the removal of our young men for study to a European university, as well as the desire to have our future ministers trained up under the immediate eye of the Church in which they are afterwards to labor, has induced the Synod to resolve on establishing a Theological Seminary in the colony, for which purpose liberal contributions have already been made by most of the congregations, and still continue to be made. A "call" to the professorships was given, towards the close of last year, to two eminent ministers in Holland, who felt themselves, however, under the necessity of declining it. The Synodical Commission has lately resolved on making a second "call," and we pray and hope that it may please the Lord to send us men filled with his Spirit, and endowed with every needful gift, to occupy the important station of training up ministers for this portion of his vineyard; and that it may yet appear that this measure—viewed by many as most important—was not of man, but of God, for his own glory, and the good of his Church.

On the 6th of April, 1852, we had the happiness of celebrating the second centennary of the introduction of Christianity into these regions, on which occasion public worship was held in all our churches, and collections made on behalf of the Theological Seminary. Every heart seemed filled with joy, and many hymns of praise ascended, we trust, that day, from grateful hearts, to the throne of Him, who, in his adorable Providence, has given us so many mercies richly to enjoy.

While, however, we have much reason for gratitude, we feel that, as a Church, we have much reason for humiliation before the Lord. We feel that we act not in accordance with our many privileges; there is among us too much of the mere form of Christianity, and we are not sufficiently anxious to experience its power. With the outward extension of our Church, we can not say that there is amongst us a corresponding increase of spiritual life and energy.

On the contrary, we feel how much reason we have to pray: "Wilt Thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee?" and we would earnestly beg of you, dearly beloved brethren, and of all under your spiritual superintendence, who know by experience the power and influence of prayer, to remember the Church of Southern Africa in your supplications, that the quickening, converting, and sanctifying influences of God's Holy Spirit may descend upon her in rich abundance. We feel that what we specially need is a greater measure of the Spirit's influences; for, unless the Spirit operate upon the pulpit as well as on the pew, we feel assured that the congregations will remain in a state of spiritual torpor; sinners will not be converted, and the people of God will not be edified. We again, therefore, urge our request, saying, "Brethren, pray for us," and we promise you, in our approaches to the throne of Grace, to make mention of the sister Church in America, that she may be as a vine of the Lord's planting, richly bringing forth fruit to the glory of God.

You will naturally be anxious to know what, as a Church, we are doing for the extension of the Gospel among the heathen; and with shame we must acknowledge that we have not done what we ought to have done and might have done. We are surrounded by heathens in our various parishes, and our Church enjoys facilities above other communities for disseminating the

Gospel among the numerous tribes in the interior, in the neighborhood of which our emigrant countrymen have settled themselves. True it is, that a considerable number have been redeemed from heathenism in many of our parishes, and admitted to full communion with our Church, and we trust that not a few of them are members of that Church for which Christ "gave himself, that he might sanctify and cleanse it, and finally present it to himself a glorious Church, holy and without blemish." Still, as a Church, we feel that we are verily guilty concerning these our brethren according to the flesh. We trust, however, that the Church is now more alive to her responsibility in this respect. At our last meeting of Synod, the members unanimously and solemnly pledged themselves to more zeal and energy in the mission work, and we hope the result may show, that the solemn engagement, entered into on that occasion has not been forgotten.

The want of duly-qualified instructors of youth, especially among the scattered agricultural population, who frequently live at a distance of several miles from each other, is much felt and deeply lamented. We hope, however, that, in this respect also, things may gradually improve, and that, in some way, a supply of qualified teachers may be found, proportioned to the growing desire on the part of our agricultural population, for the advantages of a good education; men who will not only train up our youth in the various branches of useful secular knowledge, but in that knowledge which, under the Divine blessing can make them wise unto salvation.

It will afford us, dearly beloved brethren, much real satisfaction, to be informed of what, as a Church, you have been enabled to do and are still doing for God, and what God, in his superabundant goodness, is doing for you. We beg to offer our Christian salutation to the various churches under your spiritual care. Our earnest prayer for them is, that the Lord may bless them with much spiritual prosperity; that their pastors may be men, not only of parts, but of piety, determined with the great Apostle to know

from the Table of the Synod of the Vaudois Church of Piedmont.

resident and Members of the Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church of
ited States of America.

D AND DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST JESUS:

ow one year since the Moderator of the Synod of our Church placed
n your soil. He was charged to bear the evangelical churches and
of America the cordial salutation of the Vaudois Church of Pied-
d to make known to them the marvellous things which the God of
rs has been pleased to work in our days, by the means of instru-
feeble and unworthy as we are, for the advancement of his king-
taly.

alegate on his return has related to us with what kind attentions
n cordiality you welcomed him in various circumstances, and more
r in your Synod assembled at Philadelphia. An affectionate message
transmitted to us in your name by the hand of the Rev. Dr. De Witt,
York. It has been particularly agreeable and encouraging to us to
it your Synod unanimously resolved to recommend a collection in
; of your churches, the annual proceeds of which will furnish the
of a professor in our college, for whom provision has not been made.
essor will immediately follow the one supported by our brethren in
It is pleasant and instructive to see associated in our college the
Christian charity of two churches, whose ancestors conferred such
efits upon our ancestors in the time of their greatest tribulations.

ve thus the most striking evidence of the lively sympathy which
for us, and for the work which God has given us to perform in the
re he has preserved us by the arm of his power, that we might
imony to his truth.

oderator has transmitted to Dr. De Witt some remarks upon the
e labors of our Church during the year 1853. This reverend brother
tless have the goodness to communicate this to your Synod in the
ed most expedient.

ou, dear and honored brethren, to be present in spirit in the midst
nd deign to remember us, our poor people, and our work before the
divine grace? And we shall ever remember your love and your
n the presence of our common Saviour.

e God of all grace ever multiply upon you all his heavenly bless-
hrist Jesus.

The members of the Vaudois Table.*

April 26th, 1854.

J. P. REVEL, *Moderator.*
P. LANLARD, *Adsessor.*
J. DURAND, *Secretary.*

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of the state and labors of the Vaudois Church of Piedmont, during the year 1854.

I. PARISHES.

are sixteen, each one having a pastor, and a consistory, composed of
preside over it. The total of the population is about twenty-three

* Standing Committee.

thousand souls. There is one pastor *emeritus*, aged eighty years, and four widows of pastors, who receive annually a small pension furnished by the pastors who are in active service.

II. ORDINATION.

Six candidates have been set apart by the imposition of hands for the ministry of the word. Three are employed in the Italian mission. One of them, Mr. De Sanctis, hos been eight years curate of the parish of the Madelaine at Rome, and secretary of the Holy Office at Rome. One of the others is at the head of a parish in the valleys, and the fifth is professor in the College of Latour.

III. EDUCATION.

a. Primary Schools.—There are 15 principal schools open the whole year. There are 145 schools in the hamlets held for four months in the winter. The total number of children, according to the recent report of the pastors, 4792. There are 14 female schools.

b. College.—Eight professors instruct 84 scholars, distributed in nine classes. In each class they spend one year. They commence at the age of nine or ten years, and end at that of eighteen or twenty. When our theological seminary shall be opened, which we hope will be soon, those who feel called to the ministry of the word will remain to the age of twenty-four or twenty-five years.

c. Normal School.—There are 24 scholars who are preparing themselves to become schoolmasters, colporteurs, and even evangelists. These young persons give much satisfaction, make sacrifices almost above their strength, and this winter, at least several of them have had little food to satisfy their appetite, on account of the dearness of provisions. Some supply, however, has been procured for them.

States. These testify that the Church is awake to her duty, and careful for the fulfillment of it. She possesses in these six posts the following laborers: 1. At *Pignerol*, an ordained evangelist, and occasionally a reader, and a colporteur. 2. At *Turin*, two ordained evangelists, one not ordained, and, within a short time, a school-master and a school-mistress, and two colporteurs. 3. At *Cazal*, one evangelist, not ordained, who also acts as a colporteur. 4. At *Genes*, one ordained evangelist, and three not ordained, one of whom superintends the school, and two colporteurs, who also act as evangelists. 5. At *Faval*, one evangelist, not ordained, acting also as master of a school. 6. At *Nice*, two ordained evangelists, one not ordained, and two colporteurs. We have also an ordained missionary at Constantinople, where there is a great number of Italian refugees and others.

VI. DIVERS FACTS.

Towards the end of 1853 the beautiful Protestant temple erected at Turin, was solemnly dedicated to the worship of God, and since then it has been regularly opened for service three times every Sabbath. The service in the evening attracts persons of the highest ranks, *Nicodemuses*, who venture not to come in the day-time to the Lord. Soon after, a purchase was made at Genes of an old Catholic Church, which had become devoted to secular uses since 1808. The archbishop and the priest expressed great indignation, and sought to prevail upon the king to forbid the preaching of the Gospel by heretics where the mass had been chanted. They were to reïmburse the money which had been paid for the Church, and agree that a Church might be built elsewhere, if a convenient place can be obtained. We shall not sell back the old Church till such a place be purchased, and steps are taken with the government for the regular ownership, on the part of the Vaudois Church as an organized body, of the grounds already procured for the building of chapels at Nice and Pignerole. Our friend, who keeps the depot of Bibles at Turin has sold, during 1853, five thousand copies.

J. P. REVEL.

Inscription upon the Tomb erected over the remains of the Rev. James Spencer Cannon, D.D., S.T.P.:

THIS MONUMENT IS ERECTED BY THE

GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH,

TO THE MEMORY OF THE

Reb. James Spencer Cannon, D.D.,

Professor of Ecclesiastical History,

Church Government, and Pastoral Theology,

in the Seminary of New-Brunswick,

and Prof. of Metaphysics in

Rutgers College.

THE

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Formation of Synod.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

THE Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, D.D., the President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon on the evening of the first day of the Session, from 1 Tim. 1 : 12, "*And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

From the Particular Synod of New-York.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*—Rev. Abraham R. Van Nest, Jeremiah S. Lord, Charles Whitehead. *Elders*—Charles H. Amerman, Abraham Van Nest, Thomas Jeremiah.

2. *From the South Classis of New-York.*—Rev. Frederic F. Cornell, Alexander R. Thompson.(9) *Elders*—Edward C. Cook, Warren C. Gray.

3. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*—Rev. Samuel B. How,

(9) Took his seat on the ninth day of the session.

D.D., Abraham Messler, D.D., Jacob C. Sears, D.D. *Elders*—James Garretson, Henry C. Van Arsdale, Peter A Voorhees.

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*—Rev. William V. V. Mabon,(4) James Scott, D.D., Aaron L. Stilwell.(1) *Elders*—Teunis A. Waldron, James Gardner,(3), Jacob A. Van Horn(1).

5. *From the Classis of Paramus*—Rev. A. B. Winfield, Ferdinand H. Vanderveer, Benjamin Van Zandt. *Elder*—Cornelius G. Van Riper.

6. *From the South Classis of Long-Island.*—Rev. Anthony Elmendorf, George W. Bethune, D.D., Nehemiah P. Pierce. *Elders*—Frederic J. Hosford, Garrit G. Bergen, Jacob Brinkerhoff.

7. *From the North Classis of Long-Island.*—Rev. John B. Alliger, G. H. Mandeville, William W. Halloway. *Elders*—Jeromus J. Johnson, William Ferris,(5) Nathaniel Nostrand.(5.)

8. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. Cornelius Van Cleef, Abraham Polhemus. *Elders*—John P. Luyster, William H. Seward.(5)

9. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*—Rev. William J. R. Taylor, Theodore B. Romeyn, Horace Doolittle. *Elders*—John M. Wyckoff, Isaac Van Zandt.

10. *From the Classis of Passaic.*—Rev. Peter S. Talmage, Nathaniel Conklin, Abraham G. Ryerson. *Elders*—John Halstead, Cornelius B. Doremus.

11. *From the Classis of Illinois.*—Rev. Simon V. E. Westfall,

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*—Rev. Benjamin C. Lippincott, Charles H. Stitt, John C. F. Hoes, D.D. *Elder*—Ten Eyck De Witt.(1)

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*—Rev. Edwin Holmes, Edward P. Stimpson, William Bailey. *Elders*—Peter Gardinier,(7) Henry Mesick, Peter G. Ten Eyck.(1)

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*—Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck, Samuel S. Searle,(2) John B. Shaw. *Elders*—William Noyes,(6) Barent B. Schermerhorn, Russell Burt.

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*—Rev. William D. Buckelew, John C. Van Liew. *Elders*—Henry J. Devendorf, James G. Van Voarst.(4)

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*—Rev. Ransford Wells, D.D., Ransom B. Welch.(8) *Elders*—John Reed,(7) Storm S. Becker.

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*—Rev. Isaac G. Duryee, Lawrence H. Van Dyke, N. D. Williamson. *Elders*—Leonard Witherwax,(7) Alexander G. Fonda, William Van Vranken.(5)

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*—Rev. William J. Bradford, George H. Fisher, D.D.(4) *Elder*—William Baird.(9)

9. *From the Classis of Orange.*—Rev. Hiram Slauson,(7) Malcolm N. McLaren, D.D., Jeremiah Searle, (4) (7) *Elders*—Joseph A. De Witt, Jacob V. B. Fowler, Abraham Rappelje.(1)

10. *From the Classis of Greene.*—Rev. John Steele, Acman P. Van Giesen, Philip Peltz.(4) *Elders*—Luther Hollister,(7) Thomas Dodd.

11. *From the Classis of Michigan.*—Rev. Harrison Heermance. *Elders*—

12. *From the Classis of Watervliet.*—Rev. John Dubois, Charles N. Waldron.(9) *Elder*—Abraham Fonda.(1)

13. *From the Classis of Geneva.*—Rev. Joachim Elmendorf,(8) George J. Van Neste. *Elders*—Rowzee Peyton,(3) Cornelius Post, George P. Frost.(1)

14. *From the Classis of Holland.*—Rev. Cornelius Van Der Meulen. *Elder*—John Van De Lyster.

The Rev. Professors Van Vranken, Campbell, and Ludlow were present in the Synod during a part of its sessions.

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(1) Took his seat on the second day of the session.
(2) Obtained leave of absence on the fifth day of the session.
(6) Obtained leave of absence on the seventh day of the session.
(4) Took his seat on the third day of the session.
(3) Obtained leave of absence on the third day of the session.
(9) Took his seat on the sixth day of the session.
(7) Obtained leave of absence on the eighth day of the session.
(8) Obtained leave of absence on the ninth day of the session.
(5) Took his seat on the fifth day of the session.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. Ransford Wells, D.D., was chosen *President;* the Rev. John C. F. Hoes, D.D., *Adsessor;* and the Rev. Messrs. Polhemus Van Wyck and John Steele, *Clerks pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last ordinary session of the General Synod were read.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. Abraham Messler, Harvey D. Ganse, and Joachim Elmendorf; and the Elders, James Garretson, and Denise Thompson.

On Accounts.—Rev. Jacob C. Sears, William Bailey, and A. C. Millspaugh; and the Elders, Peter A. Voorhees and Peter Gardinier.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Rev. M. N. McLaren, Cornelius Van Cleef, and Brogun Hoff; and the Elders, Joseph A. De Witt and Storm S. Becker.

On Correspondence.—Rev. Samuel B. How, Ferdinand H. Van Derveer, and Cornelius E. Crispeli; and the Elders, Henry C. Van Arsdale and Henry Shutts.

On Education.—Rev. George W. Bethune, Edwin Holmes, and Charles Stitt; and the Elders, Jacob Brinkerhoff and Frederic J. Hosford.

On Nominations.—Rev. William W. Halloway, Edward P. Stimpson, and Anthony Elmendorf; and the Elders, Henry Mesick and Russel Burt.

On the Widows' Fund.—Rev. Charles Whitehead, James M. Compton, and Samuel T. Searle; and the Elders, William B. Hull and Barent B. Schermerhorn.

On Publication.—Rev. William J. R. Taylor, Isaac G. Duryee, and David D. Demarest; and the Elders, William C. Miller and Jerome J. Johnson.

On Foreign Missions.—Rev. Laurence H. Van Dyke, William V. V. Mabon, and George J. Van Neste; and the Elders, Leonard Witherwax and Garrit G. Bergen.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate, with instructions that they be directed to report whether it is expedient to change the time of the annual meeting of the Board, and the termination of the theological year of the Theological Seminary.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in the Theological Hall at New-Brunswick, July 18, 1854, at 11 o'clock, A.M., and was opened with prayer by the last President, Rev. J. C. Sears, D.D.

The following members were present:

Rev. T. W. Chambers, D.D.,
" Frederick F. Cornell,
" Jacob C. Sears, D.D.
" William V. V. Maben,
" Aaron B. Winfield,
" Thomas C. Strong,
" Cornelius Van Cleef,
" Gabriel Ludlow, D.D.,
" John A. Staats,
" John G. Johnson,
" John Witbeck.

Rev. J. Mason Ferris,
" John A. Lansing,
" John C. F. Hoes, D.D.,
" Richard H. Steele,
" Ransford Wells, D.D.,
" Abraham J. Swits,
" J. Romeyn Berry,
" Samuel W. Mills,
" Cornelius S. Mead,
" Philip Peltz,

The Classes of South Long-Island, Illinois, Washington, Michigan, Watervliet, and Holland were not represented at this meeting.

The Board was organized by the election of Rev. Cornelius Van Cleef as President, and Rev. Thomas C. Strong, Clerk *pro tem.*

The following young gentlemen have been in attendance upon the exercises of the institution during the past year, namely:

Of the Senior Class.

Ezra W. Collier,
Gilbert Lane,
William W. Letson,
John Muller,
Aaron L. Stillwell,
Nelson Stout,
Edward P. Terhune, of the Presbyterian Church.

Of the Middle Class.

has been caused by the ill-judged zeal of some to engage in preaching beyond the limits prescribed by the Synod. The Board have taken such measures as will doubtless remedy the evil.

The attention of the Board has been called by the Faculty to the propriety of separating the library of the Seminary from that of the College, and of placing it under the care of the Theological professors.

This measure is not only proper in itself, but would, we doubt not, soon lead to a large accession to the present number of books. Such increase would require for its proper arrangement room which the existing building can not furnish. But the want thus created could be easily met by the provision proposed to be made for another exigency now pressing sorely upon our students. It appears, from a formal and carefully-drawn paper prepared by a committee of their number, and presented to the Faculty, that the expenses of living in New-Brunswick have greatly increased of late years, and threaten to increase still more. They are now not only heavier than in corresponding institutions, but such as to cause some of our young men severe suffering in the attempt to live within their means, and notwithstanding this, after all, to graduate burdened with debt. And there is reason to fear that, unless an effectual remedy is promptly applied, not only will some of those now in the Seminary be compelled to leave it, but many more who would naturally come to New-Brunswick will go elsewhere, and thus be lost to our Church. In point of fact, at least *five* have already, for this cause, turned away from our doors and resorted to other seminaries, where more effectual provision is made to lessen the cost of living.

In view of this state of things they suggest that a building should be erected containing sufficient dormitories and a refectory, by means of which the system of boarding in commons could be adopted. The same edifice might be made to furnish a commodious library and lecture-rooms, a hall for the students to preach in and to hold the meetings of the Society of Inquiry, and also a residence for the Professor of Biblical Literature. The Board have therefore been led to take the following action:

Whereas, the professors request the separation of the Theological Library from that of the College, and also express their entire concurrence in the request of the students for a Theological Hall, demanded by the present cost of living in New-Brunswick; and whereas, the urgency of the case is such that a year's delay would be highly injurious; therefore, presuming that the General Synod will sanction our action,

Resolved, That the Theological professors and three members of this Board (now to be appointed) be a committee to proceed, as soon as possible, to procure plans of such a Theological Hall as is hereinbefore described, and to collect funds sufficient for the erection of such an edifice.

Resolved, That, as soon as said moneys be collected or subscribed, the committee take measures to call a meeting of the General Synod in the manner prescribed by the Constitution, and request that body to legislate upon the matter and ratify the action of this Board and its committee.

Resolved, That the General Synod be requested,

1. To take measures to separate the Theological library from that of the College.

2. To place this library under the charge and control of the Theological Faculty.

3. To empower the Faculty to appoint one of the students as an under librarian, at a salary of fifty dollars a year, to be paid from the funds of the Church.

4. To authorize the Faculty to raise money and expend the same for the improvement of the library, with directions to report its condition every year to the Superintendents.

The students of the several classes were examined in the various studies of their respective departments; and the members of the Senior Class also on the evidences of their personal piety, and their views in seeking to enter the ministry. They likewise exhibited specimens of the composition and delivery of sermons. In view of which it was

Resolved, That the examination be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Professors for the usual certificates.

The annual sermon before the Board was preached by Rev. Cornelius Van Cleef, from 2 Cor. 2 : 16, on the evening of the first day of the session. At the close of the examination, the address to the students was delivered by Rev. William V. V. Mabon.

The following young men made application for the benefit of the Beneficiary Funds of the Church, and after careful examination were accord-

Rev. Ransford Wells, D.D., of the Classis of Schoharie.
" John Whitbeck, " " Geneva.
" J. Mason Ferris, " " Westchester.

A member will also require to be appointed for the Classis of Monmouth.

CORNELIUS VAN CLEEF, *President.*

Attest, D. D. DEMAREST, *Stated Clerk.*

Hudson, August 1, 1854.

A report was received from the Committee appointed by the Board of Superintendents to procure the erection of a Theological Hall for the uses of the Seminary, which was read, accepted, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Reports were received from the following Classes in relation to the question sent down by the last General Synod to the several Classes in reference to the constitution of the Particular Synods, namely: South Classis of New-York, North Classis of Long-Island, Classes of Bergen, Passaic, Philadelphia, Paramus, Orange, Green, Hudson, Rensselaer, Westchester, Albany, Washington, Schoharie, Cayuga, and Geneva, which were referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Cornelius Van Cleef, and G. H. Mandeville, and the Elder, John M. Wyckoff.

A communication was received from Henry H. Voorhies and Albert G. Zabriskie, executors of the will of the late Lucas J. Voorhies, in relation to a legacy bequeathed to the General Synod by him in his last will and testament, which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the North Classis of Long-Island recommending John Boehrer for a dispensation, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the committee appointed by the Board of Superintendents to receive students, in relation to the reception of beneficiaries, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

A communication was received from the Classis of Paramus recommending William G. Haselborth for a dispensation, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Henry H. Loring, of the Classis of Albany, and Samuel J. Rogers, having applied to be admitted to the benefit of the Educational Funds of this Church as students in the Theological Seminary, it was

Resolved, That their cases be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Classis of Holland recommending Dirk Broek, Marinus Hoogesteger, Johannes Van Der Meulen, for aid from the Educational Funds of the Church, which was referred to the *Committee on the Professorate.*

A communication was received from the Classis of Greene, requesting the General Synod to send an overture to the Classes to obtain their views in regard to abolishing the Particular Synods, which was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

A communication was received from the Classis of Schenectady recommending William F. Schwick for a dispensation, with a view to his licensure to preach the Gospel, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

An extract from the Minutes of the Classis of Schenectady was received, recommending Alonzo P. Peek as a suitable person to receive aid from the Educational Funds of the Church, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

An extract from the Minutes of the Classis of Schenectady was received, containing a resolution adopted by them in relation to the supposed teaching of the doctrine of baptismal regeneration in the form for the administration of baptism as now used in the Church, which was referred to the Special Committee on that subject.

A communication was received from the Rev. John B. Steele in relation to Domestic Missions, which was referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

A communication was received from Rev. Mr. Van Der Meulen, asking

quate. Bills for work done, and materials used in improvements and repairs on the Synod's property in New-Brunswick, to the amount of six hundred and thirty-eight dollars and ninety-two cents, have been paid by the Treasurer.

The grant of two hundred dollars by the Synod on behalf of their Library, has been exceeded by an amount of fifty-seven dollars and thirty cents. Authority from the Synod for the payment of this balance will be required.

A communication from Mr. D. F. McFarland, of Brunswick, Illinois, has been received, proposing to purchase, for one hundred and fifty dollars, the Church property in that place, belonging to Synod, or to submit the estimate of its value to two persons, one chosen by the Synod, and the other by himself, and in case of their disagreement, they to choose an umpire. The latter alternative was elected by the Board on behalf of Synod, and the Rev. A. D. Wilson requested to nominate an arbitrator on their part. The result is not yet known.

Three hundred and thirty-five dollars and thirty-seven cents, received from the Executrix of the will of the late Dr. Gannon, is held, subject to be applied according to the direction of Synod at its last meeting.

During the year, one thousand dollars have been added to the investments on behalf of the Relief Fund; the fund, however, increases very slowly, and the Board again respectfully invite the favorable attention of Synod to the subject. The claims of annuitants are of such extent, that the Treasurer has been compelled to diminish his payments twenty-five per cent below the maximum allowance contemplated in the plan of the fund.

Seven hundred and fifty dollars have been added during the last year to the Education Fund.

Of the outstanding subscriptions to the Permanent Fund, the Board have not been able to make any collections of principal during the last year. Some of them are not collectable.

All the vested funds of Synod are believed to be safely secured and carefully administered.

The Board regret to state that the contract with Mr. Mentz for the publication of our Hymn-Book, from various causes, has not been executed, and a construction has recently been put upon the terms of the contract by Mr. Mentz, which the Board are not and have not been prepared to admit. The subject is now under investigation, and we hope will be amicably adjusted.

The Treasurer's report, herewith submitted, furnishes in a lucid and ample manner a statement of the financial affairs of the Synod, in all their departments.

Abraham Van Nest, Esq., the President of the Board, is charged to afford the Synod any further information that may be desired.

ABM. VAN NEST, *President.*
ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*
THEO. FRELINGHUYSEN, }
JOHN KNOX. } *Directors.*
W. B. CROSBY, }

New-York, June 4th, 1855.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in Account with ISAAC YOUNG, *their Treasurer.*

1854.		Dr.		$	cts.
June	2	Cash paid Rev. William H. Campbell, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,		437	50
	5	" " Rev. Ransford Wells, D.D., his travelling expenses as delegate of General Synod to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, held at Buffalo on the 18th of May last,		24	00
		" " Rev. John Ludlow, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,		393	75
	6	" " Isaac Young, Treasurer, etc., one year's salary, due 10th inst.,	$250 00		
		Postage and discount,	3 02		
		For management of Widows' Fund,	150 00		
		Postage and discount,	17		
				403	19

1854		Dr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward.....	3,683	09
		of the Committee appointed by General Synod to inquire into the expediency and practicability of establishing a Board of Publication,.....	20	00
August	21	Cash paid Jared W. Scudder, the successful competitor for the Van Doren prize essay on Missions, for the year 1854,.....	50	00
Sept.	2	" " Rev. William H. Campbell, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	437	50
		" " Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	393	75
		" " Rev. John Ludlow, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,.....	393	75
	18	" " Hugh Tolan, Janitor of Rutgers College, three quarters' salary, due 16th July last,.....	75	00
Nov.	1	" " the following persons their annuities out of the income of the Widows' Fund for the last six months, due this day, viz:		
		Rev. Wm. C. Brownlee, D.D.,....$100 00		
		Rev. Jacob A. Lansing,..... 75 00		
		Rev. Israel Hammond,..... 100 00		
		Rev. R. W. Knight,..... 100 00		
		Lydia M. W. Sluyter,..... 100 00		
		Catharine E. Van Wagenen,..... 100 00		
		Harriet V. V. Mabon,..... 100 00		
		Maria Rudy,..... 75 00		
		Jane Hunt,..... 37 50	787	50
Dec.	1	" " Rev. William H. Campbell, D. D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day,.....	437	50
		" " Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, D D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day,.....	393	75
		" " Rev. John Ludlow, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day,.....	393	75
	2	" " B. L. Kip, Treasurer, &c., on account of six months' interest on the invested scholarships in the Theological College, due 4th inst.,.....	800	00
	22	" " Jacob Little & Co., for six shares of the stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, at $100 each,.....$600 00		
		Six and a half per cent advance,. 39 00	639	00
1855. Jan.	2	" " the following persons, their bills for work and materials for Rutgers College, &c., viz:		
		Peter Peterson, for pump and fixtures,..... $29 00		
		J. A. Manley, for a cover for same, 2 52		
		Carried forward,.....	8,504	59

1855.		Dr.		$	¢
		Brought forward,		8,504	59
		H. Richmond, for bricks for laying side-walks, &c.,	223 56		
		Peter N. Wyckoff, for laying side-walks, grading, curbing and paving College Avenue,	345 73		
		Peter N. Wyckoff, for mason work and materials,	29 01		
		Elias Runyon, for curb stones, &c.,	9 10		
				638	92
Jan.	10	Cash paid B. L. Kip, Treasurer, the balance of six months' interest on the invested scholarships in the Theological College, due 4th December last,		639	72
	11	" " Rev. John C. Guldin, Chairman, &c., the expenses of the Committee appointed by General Synod to select and arrange the materials for a German hymn-book,		31	75
	13	" " Premiums of Insurance on $8000, on Rutgers College, for one year from 15th inst.,		48	00
	26	" " Philip Fitzpatrick, loaned him on his bond, dated this day, payable in five years from date, with interest, at seven per cent per annum, secured by a mortgage on his house and lot,		1,750	00
Feb.	3	" " John Terhune, on account for printing, &c., 300 catalogues of the books of the Theological Seminary Library in Rutgers College,		68	60
	10	" " Rev. Ransford Wells, D.D., heretofore paid by			

1855.		Dr.		$	¢
		Brought forward,		13,791	58
May	1	Cash paid the following persons, their annuities out of the income of the Widows' Fund for the last six months, due this day, viz:			
		Rev. Wm. C. Brownlee, D.D.,	$75 00		
		Rev. Jacob A. Lansing,	56 25		
		Rev. Israel Hammond,	75 00		
		Rev. R. W. Knight,	75 00		
		Lydia M. W. Sluyter,	75 00		
		Catharine E. Van Wagenen,	75 00		
		Harriet V. V. Mabon,	75 00		
		Maria Rudy,	56 25		
		Jane Hunt,	28 12		
				590	62
		" " Hugh Tolan, Janitor of Rutgers College, nine months' salary, due 16th April last,		75	00
1854. July	19	" " the following clergymen, their travelling expenses, &c., incurred in attending the meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, held at New-Brunswick this day, viz:			
		Rev. Abraham I. Switz,	$7 25		
		" John C. F. Hoes,	7 75		
		" C. S. Mead,	12 00		
		" John A. Lansing,	10 25		
		" John G. Johnson,	8 00		
		" Samuel W. Mills,	6 50		
		" J. Romeyn Berry,	15 00		
		" Richard H. Steele,	10 00		
		" John Whitbeck,	14 00		
		" A. B. Winfield,	5 25		
		" Ransford Wells, D.D.,	13 50		
		" Cornelius Van Cleef,	8 50		
		" Philip Peltz,	5 00		
		" Thomas C. Strong, (twice,)	6 00		
		" John A. Staats,	3 86		
		" William V. V. Mabon, (twice,)	4 00		
		" Jacob C. Sears, D.D., (twice,)	1 75		
				138	61
1855. May	31	To balance carried to new account,		10,258	98
				$24,854	79

1854.		Cr.	$	c.
June	1	By balance from last account rendered to General Synod,..	3,446	35
		By cash received, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church, Market street, New-York, for the Widows' Fund, after deducting Pastor's Subscription of $20,.....	42	65
	6	" " six months' interest on bond for $20,000, due 1st inst.,.....	700	00
	9	" " six months' interest on two bonds for $1000 each, due 1st inst.,.....	70	00
	15	" " six months' interest on bond for $6000, due 21st May last,.....	210	00
	19	" " six months' interest on bond for $2500, due 26th April last,.....	87	50
July	20	" " collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Linlithgow, for the Widows' Fund,..	2	50
	22	" " of Rev. William H. Van Doren, one year's interest on the missionary prize-essay bond given by him,.....	50	00
	31	" " six months' interest on bond for $5000, due 1st September next,.....	175	00
August	7	" " six months' interest on four bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Church, amounting to $26,000,.....	780	00
	21	" " collected in the Reformed Dutch Church, at New-Utrecht, for the Widows' Fund,	6	53
	24	" " of Sarah Gannon, administratrix, &c., bequeathed by Dr. P. Gannon to the Theological College, deducting interest there-		

854.		Cr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward,	7,110	23
Nov.	1	By cash received, six months' interest on bonds for $2800, due 27th October last,	98	00
	2	" " six months' interest on bond for $3500, due 16th October last,	122	50
		" " six months' interest on bond for $6000, due 1st inst.,	210	00
	8	" " six months' interest on three bonds, amounting to $11,000, due 6th inst.,	385	00
	9	" " six months' interest on bond for $5000, due 1st inst.,	175	00
	13	" " six months' interest on bond for $6000, due 1st inst.,	210	00
	15	" " six months' interest on bond for $2500, due 26th October last,	87	50
	16	" " six months' interest on $4000, balance of a bond for $10,000, due 22d inst.,	140	00
Dec.	1	" " six months' interest on bond for $20,000, due this day,	700	00
	15	" " six months' interest on $6000, balance of a bond, due 21st November last,	210	00
	22	" " of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, a dividend for six months on 57 shares of their stock, $5700, at 5 per cent, due 20th June, $285 00; also another dividend on the same at 6 per cent, due 20th inst., 342 00	627	00
855. Jan.	2	" " collected in the South Dutch Church, New-York, for the Widows' Fund,	34	98
	3	" " six months' interest on four bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Church, amounting to $26,000,	780	00
	9	" " six months' interest on bond for $5000, due 1st November last,	150	00
	12	" " six months' interest on two bonds for $1000 each, due 1st December last,	70	00
	15	" " collected in the Collegiate Dutch Church, for the Widows' Fund,	129	17
arch	2	" " six months' interest on three bonds, amounting to $8900,	267	00
		" " six months' interest on bond for $3500, due 1st inst.,	122	50
		" " six months' interest on bond for $5000, due 1st inst.,	175	00
	8	" " six months' interest on bond for $5750, due 1st inst.,	201	25
	19	" " six months' interest on bond for $500, due 14th inst.,	15	00
	24	" " one year's interest on bond for $2000, belonging to the Professoral Fund,	120	00
	26	" " of Rev. Alexander H. Warner, this sum being the amount necessary to constitute him a member for life of the Wid. Fund,	500	00
		Carried forward,	12,[illegible]	[illegible]

1855.		Cr.		$	cts.
		Brought forward,		12,640	15
March	26	By cash received two dividends on 23 shares of Bergen Turnpike stock, 10 of which belong to Rutgers College,		16	10
April	4	" " six months' interest on $2000, balance of a bond for $4000, due 16th inst.,		70	00
	10	" " collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Clintonville, N. J., for the Widows' Fund,		20	00
	11	" " of Elias Wilson, for an assignment of Mindert Wilson's bond, belonging to the Professoral Fund,	$2000 00		
		ten days' interest due thereon,	3 33	2,003	33
	14	" " six months' interest on bond for $4000, due 16th inst.,		140	00
	17	" " the balance of principal due on a bond of John B. Dingledein, for $4000.	$2000 00		
		one day's interest due thereon,	38	2,000	38
	18	" " six months' interest on bond for $2000, due 15th inst.,		70	00
	19	" " six months' interest on bond for $2000, due 10th inst.,		70	00
		" " six months' interest on $3500, balance of a bond for $4000, due 16th inst.,		122	50
	24	" " six months' interest on bond for $1500, due 16th inst.		52	50

55.		Cr.		$	cts.
		Brought forward,		20,405	09
		Collegiate Dutch Church, amounting to $26,000,		780	00
May	11	By cash received, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Leeds for the Widows' Fund,		6	50
	16	" " six months' interest on bond for $2500, due the 26th April last,		87	50
		" " six months' interest on bond for $6000, due 1st inst.,		210	00
	22	" " six months' interest on $2000, balance of a bond for $10,000, due this day, five months and ten days' interest on $2000, due 2d inst, paid on account of the principal of a bond for $10,000,	$70 00 62 23	132	23
	26	" " six months' interest on bond for $6000, due 21st inst.,		210	00
	28	" " collected in the Reformed Dutch Church, Wayne street, Jersey City, for the Widows' Fund,		28	18
54. une	13	" " of the following persons, the interest on their subscriptions to the permanent Fund of General Synod, due 1st May, viz:			
		Est. of David L. Haight, dec.,	$30 00		
		" Cornelius Duryee, "	30 00		
		John Oothout,	30 00		
		Thomas C. Doremus,	30 00		
		Collegiate Dutch Church, N. Y.,	600 00		
		David W. Wetmore,	60 00	780	00
		" " collected in the following Classes, to defray the expenses of delegates to General Synod from the Classes of Illinois, Michigan, and Holland, viz.:			
		Classis of Bergen,	$30 00		
		" Washington,	10 00		
		" Watervliet,	10 00		
		" Rensselaer,	20 00		
		" Orange, on acc't.,	20 00		
		" Hudson,	20 00		
		" Poughkeepsie,	30 00		
		So. " Long-Island,	30 00		
		" " New-York,	20 00		
		" Greene,	15 00		
		" Albany,	20 00	225	00
		" " of the following Classes for Minutes of General Synod, viz.:			
		Classis of Paramus,	$27 00		
		" Schoharie,	13 25		
		" Albany,	2 00		
		" Illinois,	2 78		
		So. " New-York,	15 00		
		Carried forward,		22,264	50

1854.		Cr.			$	cts.
		Brought forward,			22,864	50
		Classis of New-Brunswick,	44	50		
		" Poughkeepsie,	12	00		
		" Passaic,	5	25		
		" New-York,	32	40		
		" Michigan,	14	00		
		" Ulster,	20	00		
	So.	" Long Island,	9	75		
		" Schenectady,	6	00		
		" Geneva,	7	00		
		" Greene,	9	00		
		" Rensselaer,	38	81		
		Minutes sold,	7	36		
					266	10
June	13	By cash received of the following clergymen, their annual payments to the Widows' Fund, viz.:				
		Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler,	$20	00		
		" Ransford Wells, D.D.,	20	00		
		" Edward H. May,	20	00		
		" Henry A. Raymond,	20	00		
		" Paul D. Van Cleef,	20	00		
		" Charles Whitehead,	20	00		
		" Joseph Wilson,	20	00		
		" Ira C. Boice,	20	00		
		" Isaac Ferris, D.D.,	40	00		
		" Oscar H. Gregory, and in.,	21	00		
		" John L. See,	20	00		

854.		Cr.		$	cts.
		Brought forward,		23,130	60
		" E. S. Hammond,	20 00		
		" Isaac S. Demund,	20 00		
		" Garret L. Roof,	20 00		
				881	00
June	13	By cash received, collected in the following churches for the Church Building Fund, viz.:			
		Ref. Dutch Church, Flatbush,	$56 86		
		" " New-Durham, N. J.,	7 00		
		" " Livingston, N. Y.,	4 71		
		2d " " Schenectady,	10 00		
		" " New-Hurley,	22 00		
		" " Washington Heights,	6 00		
		" " Griggstown, N. J.,	20 36		
		" " Northumberland,	8 60		
		" " Gansevoort,	7 40		
		" " Rhinebeck,	15 33		
		So. " " Brooklyn,	21 57		
		" " Bronxville,	10 37		
		" " Mapletown & Currytown,	45 27		
		" " Pultneyville,	6 00		
		2d " " Poughkeepsie,	26 62		
		" " " Paterson,	48 00		
		" " Tyre,	5 00		
		" " Middlebush, N. J.,	27 00		
		" " Schuylerville,	22 00		
		" " West New-Hempstead,	13 06		
		" " Boght,	14 00		
		2d " " Newark,	12 00		
		" " Greenville, N. Y.,	8 00		
		" " Jeffersonville,	3 00		
		" " West-Troy, O.H.Gregory,	22 00		
		" " Niskayuna, on account,	20 00		
		" " Fishkill Landing,	36 00		
		2d " " New-Brunswick,	47 27		
		" " North-Hempstead, L. I.,	11 61		
		" " Ithaca,	23 50		
		3d " " Philadelphia,	162 00		
		" " Amity,	46 50		
		" " Tompkinsville,	6 11		
		" " Holland,	9 00		
		" " Grand-Rapids,	6 55		
		" " Walden,	17 50		
		" " Pekin,	5 00		
		donation of Miss Jane Van Alstyne, of the Reformed Dutch Church at Kinderhook,	10 00		
				843	19
				24,854	79
855 May	31	By balance carried to new account,		10,258	98

[Errors excepted.] ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

The subscribers, appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, have examined same, with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance due Gene- Synod of Ten Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-Eight dollars and Ninety Eight cents.

New-York, 4th June, 1855.

W. B. CROSBY,
THEO. FRELINGHUYSEN. } Committee.

Annual Digest, 1855.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows:

Funds Devoted to Education.

THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by John C. Elmendorf, Treasurer, etc., of Rutgers College, and which is loaned upon bonds secured by mortgages upon property in the State of New Jersey, etc., amounted, on the 1st April, 1855, to	$19,813 57
Balance in his hands, 1st April, 1855,	2,751 64
Interest on same Fund, due 1st May, 1855,	890 55
There has been paid to indigent students, out of the interest of this Fund, during the past year,	1,150 00

LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

Amount of unpaid Subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod,	$13,250 00	
Deduct this amount, which the Board believe can not be collected,	6,250 00	
Leaving subscriptions supposed to be good,		$7,000 00

Board of Domestic Missions.

There has been invested for this Board on bond secured by mortgage,	$250 00

Minutes of General Synod.

There has been received for Minutes of General Synod, during the past year,	$266 10
And there has been paid for printing Minutes, paper, etc.,	263 12
Balance in Bank to the credit of General Synod,	$10,258 98

Of this balance, a part is capital to be invested, and the whole of the remainder is required to meet claims now due,

ABM. VAN NEST, *President.*
THEO. FRELINGHUYSEN, JOHN KNOX, W. B. CROSBY, } *Directors.*
ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

New-York, May 31st, 1855.

So much of the above report and accompanying documents as relates to the Widows' Fund, was referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund; so much as relates to the Board of Education, to the Committee on Education; and the residue, to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to the election of the Board of Direction of the Corporation. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen: Mr. Abraham Van Nest, *President;* Rev. John Knox, D.D., and Messrs. William B. Crosby and Theodore Frelinghuysen, *Directors;* and Mr. Isaac Young, *Treasurer.*

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A copy of the letter sent by the Committee appointed by the last General Synod to the Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in Southern Africa, in reply to the communication received from them, was presented and read.

The Rev. Henry G. Comingo, of the Presbyterian Church, appeared in Synod, and having produced testimonials of his appointment, took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The following report was received from the Committee to consider

the propriety of extending the sphere of our correspondence with other Evangelical Churches; which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Committee appointed by the General Synod at its last session to "consider the propriety of extending the sphere of our correspondence with other Evangelical Churches, by exchange of delegates, by letter, or otherwise," respectfully report:

The duty of Evangelical Churches to reciprocate kind, Christian regard, mutually to respect each other's rights and interests, and to coöperate in those general measures, which respect the promotion of truth and righteousness at home, and the diffusion of the kingdom of the Redeemer through the world, is one of acknowledged importance. "The truth should be held and spoken in love." Fidelity to the distinctive truths and order of our Church organizations should be associated with a feeling and manifestation of Christian regard and fellowship with other denominations who, amid minor differences, hold to the vital and fundamental truths of the Gospel. We believe that our Church has been characterized by such a spirit and course. Our correspondence by delegates, based on articles of correspondence mutually adopted, has been confined to the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and now the branch of it known familiarly as the Old School, and to the German Reformed Church. The correspondence with the Presbyterian Church now exists. At former periods, negotiations were instituted for correspondence with the Associate Reformed, and Reformed Presbyterian Churches. Hitherto

whom correspondence might be desirable, the object may be gained by the mutual interchange of the Minutes of the annual meetings. With these views, the whole subject, namely, the expediency of the extension of ecclesiastical correspondence, the limit to be assigned to it, and the mode of conducting it, is left with the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS DE WITT, *Chairman.*

A communication was received from the North-Carolina Classis of the German Reformed Church, purporting to be a certified copy of their action in reference to seeking an ecclesiastical connection with the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. Thornton Butler appeared in Synod, and having produced testimonials of his appointment as a Commissioner from the North-Carolina Classis, was recognized as such.

The Committee on Correspondence having reported upon the application of the North-Carolina Classis to be received under the care of this Synod, the subject was discussed at some length, when the Rev. Mr. Butler withdrew the application of the Classis; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Rev. George W. Bethune, William J. R. Taylor, and A. P. Van Giesen, and the Elders Peter A. Voorhies and Teunis A. Waldron, be a Committee to draft a minute expressive of the views and feelings of the Synod towards the North-Carolina Classis.

The Committee reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed to prepare resolutions expressive of the views of this Synod respecting the application of the German Reformed Classis of North-Carolina, in reference to their admission to the Reformed Dutch Church, respectfully present the following:

1. *Resolved*, That this General Synod regard with devout gratitude to God the noble stand maintained by the German Reformed Classis of North-Carolina in defense of the great essential doctrines of the Reformation against the errors of the Mercersburg theology.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod can not suffer the Rev. Mr. Butler to retire from its sessions without expressing their kindest feelings for himself, and without charging him to bear to his brethren the most cordial assurances of the hearty and prayerful sympathy of our Reformed Church, in their efforts to maintain and spread the Gospel, and to establish their struggling seminary of learning.

3. *Resolved*, That we commend these brethren to the material aid of our Churches, and assure them that the doors of our Theological Seminary are most cordially thrown wide open to such of their pious youth as may at any time wish to avail themselves of its advantages.

Respectfully submitted.

W. J. R. TAYLOR, in behalf of the Committee.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of the Classis of North-Carolina be requested to re-consider the withdrawal of his papers, and leave them in the hands of the Synod until their meeting in October next. Whereupon

The Rev. Thornton Butler, said Commissioner, consented to leave his papers in the hands of the Synod, subject to the advice of his Classis.

The following Report was received from Rev. Robert P. Lee, D.D., the Delegate appointed to attend the last meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

To the General Synod of the Protestant Reformed Dutch Church in North America:

The undersigned has the pleasure to report to your reverend body, that pursuant to his appointment, he was present in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church recently convened in Nashville, Tennessee; that personally he was received and treated with great kindness, and that he witnessed many proofs of the hearty regards of that venerable body towards our Church.

He would add that their dignified manner of transacting business, their apparent oneness of heart and aim, and their energy in carrying out matured measures for the welfare and enlargement of their own Church, as well as for the general spread of the Gospel among men, could not but arrest attention and command respect.

The action of the Assembly in reference to the infringement of the Articles of Correspondence, the undersigned has already transmitted to the

laint of the infringement of the Articles of Correspondence between this leneral Synod and the General Assembly, which the Classis of Ulster ad made against the action of the North-River Presbytery, in the case f the Rev. Henry W. Smuller, a member of that Classis, and who had een received by that Presbytery without a dismission *to it*, and in the ice of a refusal to grant any other than a dismission to the Classis of 'hiladelphia; and also of their having organized a Presbyterian Church onsisting mostly of members of the Second Reformed Dutch Church of Kingston, who had not been dismissed by the Consistory of the Church; hat on account of unavoidable circumstances that business was not aken up till very near the close of their sessions, yet the Assembly gave it heir earnest consideration for several hours at two distinct sessions, and vinced an anxious solicitude to bring the unhappy affair to such an issue s would honor the brotherly covenant and strengthen those bonds hich for so many years have held in happy union these two sister hurches. It is truly gratifying to receive from your Delegate so full nd strong a testimony to the fraternal feelings of the Assembly towards ur Church.

The Resolutions of the Assembly in relation to the above-mentioned omplaint are as follows:

lction of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church on the Complaint of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, adopted May 29, 1855.

1. *Resolved*, That though the consistory of the Second Reformed Dutch hurch of Kingston may have acted arbitrarily in refusing certificates to s members applying for them to join one of our churches, this Assemly regard as wanting in the due exercise of Christian forbearance the roceedings of North-River Presbytery in so hastily organizing a church, omposed mostly of the members which said consistory had refused to lismiss.

2. *Resolved*, That though the Classis of Ulster may have done wrong n withholding from Rev. Mr. Smuller the certificate for which he applied o join the Presbytery of North-River, this Assembly can not approve of he act of said Presbytery in receiving him, regarding their act in so doing as deficient in the exercise of that forbearance which should obtain n the intercourse of sister Churches.

3. *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk express to the Dutch Church the leep regret which this Assembly feels that there should have been any ause for complaint or recrimination.

A true extract from the minutes of the General Assembly, at its sessions held in Nashville, Tennessee, May 29, 1855.

JOHN LEYBURN, *Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.*

In the earnest and repeated consideration which the Assembly gave to his complaint, your Committee see an evidence of their desire to cherish nd perpetuate the interchange of Christian fellowship which has so ong subsisted between them and us, and to strengthen the bonds of Christian love and confidence which now unite us. The whole matter eems to have been fully and patiently discussed, and upon both points

of complaint resolutions were passed, sufficiently strong and explicit, of disapproval of the action of the North-River Presbytery. In the first resolution they speak of the proceedings of that Presbytery as hasty; they say: "hastily organizing," and plainly intimate that their conduct was irregular in "hastily organizing a church composed mostly of the members which said consistory had refused to dismiss." In the second resolution they say that they "can not approve of the act of the Presbytery," in the matter to which it refers. They have thus distinctly expressed their disapprobation of what your Committee consider the highly improper intrusion of the Presbytery of North-River into the affairs of our Church, by interfering with and arresting the process of discipline upon one of our ministers before it was brought to a completion, by receiving him as a member of their body, and so placing him out of the reach of the Classis to which he belonged.

This decided disapprobation of the proceedings of the Presbytery is expressed notwithstanding any impressions that may have been produced in the minds of any members of the Assembly unfavorable to the actions of the consistory or the Classis, and your Committee notice this fact with satisfaction. They are, however, fully of the belief that there is no just cause of complaint against either. From certified statements of the Classis of Ulster to our last General Synod, which were laid before your Committee, they believe not only that their proceedings in both cases were altogether justifiable, but that they acted with commendable prudence and forbearance, and that the conduct of the Classis towards Mr. Smuller was lenient and kind in no ordinary degree. Some of the members of the Second Church of Kingston who asked for their dismis-

tain fresh allegations made subsequent to the granting of that certificate." If, however, the Classis of Ulster had acted unjustly to Mr. Smuller in withholding the certificate for which he applied to join the Presbytery, he had his remedy. He could and he should have brought his case before the higher courts of the Church, that if he had been wronged he might have sought from them the redress of his wrongs. But this he failed to do, and your Committee think that the Presbytery of North-River erred in not insisting on his pursuing this course, and freeing himself from all complaints against him before they received him.

Your Committee offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod accepts the resolutions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at its late session at Nashville, as a fraternal response to the complaint from the Classis of Ulster through the General Synod against the North-River Presbytery.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod sees no cause for what may be even an implied censure of the action of the Consistory of the Second Dutch Church of Kingston, or of the Classis of Ulster, in the matter to which the complaint refers, but considers it as exhibiting forbearance and prudence.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod cordially respond to the third resolution of the Assembly, and express their earnest desire that there may hereafter be no cause for "complaint or recrimination," and that nothing may be wanting on either side "to cherish and perpetuate the interchange of Christian fellowship by the mutual exhibition of confidence and fraternal esteem."

Your Committee have learned from the Rev. Thornton Butler, the Commissioner from the Classis of North-Carolina of the German Reformed Church, sent to us for the purpose of effecting an ecclesiastical relation with our Church, that the Classis consists of eight ministers and twenty-four churches; that its bounds extend one hundred and forty miles in one direction, and thirty miles in another; that there is a large field of missionary labor; that ministers are greatly needed, and that, could suitable men be obtained, churches, with the blessing of God, would certainly be gathered. He states that it is quite possible for them to unite with other Christian denominations nearer home, and that the reason why they approach us is because they more nearly agree in their doctrinal standards and forms of worship and Church government with us than with any other denomination of Christians—that they are warmly attached to the Heidelberg Catechism; that the reason why they wish to dissolve their connection with the German Reformed Synod is the favor with which it treats the innovations of Drs. Nevin and Schaff, and that it is their desire to unite with us if they can be received cordially and on honorable terms. They do not come as suppliants begging for admittance, but as true Christian men asking to be received among us as brethren beloved for Christ's sake. He states that some of their congregations own tracts of land of considerable size, and that they have a literary institution, called Catawba College, at Newton, N. C., which they design, should success attend their efforts, much to enlarge. In consequence of their holding their property as the German Reformed Church, they wish, should they be received among us, still to retain that name, and to

be called the Classis of the German Reformed Church of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of North-America; should they be thus honorably received, then they will give this Synod official statements of their having adopted the Constitution of our Church. Your Committee, believing, that should a union be effected with this Classis, it will give to us an entrance to the whole South, and open to us a vast field for missionary enterprise, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That Synod cordially reciprocate the fraternal feelings expressed by the Classis of North-Carolina, of the German Reformed Church, that they regard with favor their proposal of effecting an ecclesiastical relation with our Church, and that so soon as they present duly authenticated testimonials of their accepting its Standards and Constitution they shall be received as one of its integral parts, and so be fully incorporated with it, and shall be known among us as the German Reformed Classis of North-Carolina of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of North-America.

With respect to the report of the Committee appointed by last General Synod to consider the propriety of extending the sphere of our Correspondence with other evangelical Churches, by exchange of delegates, by letter, or otherwise, which was referred to this Committee, they beg leave to observe that they fully agree with that Committee in the sentiment, that "the truth should be held and spoken in love, and that fidelity to the distinctive truths and order of our Church organizations should be associated with a feeling and manifestation of Christian regard and fellowship with other denominations, who, amid minor differ-

dred dollars, sent by the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, to aid the Vaudois Churches in educating students preparing for the sacred ministry in the College of Latour, and expressing their "most lively acknowledgment and sincere and cordial affection" to those who have thus shown their Christian love by their contributions to aid them.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the ancient Church of the Waldenses be earnestly recommended to the liberal consideration of the members of our churches, and that immediate collections be taken up to complete the four hundred dollars promised to them, and that, whenever circumstances permit, collections be taken for the benefit of their institutions.

2. *Resolved*, That Rev. Messrs. How, Vanderveer, and Crispel, and the Elders, Van Arsdale and Shutt, be a Committee to address to them a letter assuring them of the cordial affection with which this Synod regards them, and conveying to them such information concerning our own churches as they may judge it expedient to communicate, and also to forward them a copy of the last Minutes of Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That there be a Committee to open a correspondence of the same character with the Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in South-Africa.

All which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL B. HOW, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Correspondence having reported a double number of persons from whom to elect delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Synod proceeded to the election, when the following were chosen: Rev. Abraham Polhemus, *primarius*; and Rev. Anson Dubois, *secundus.*

A communication was received from Rev. Thomas De Witt, D.D., in regard to the Waldensian Synod and the transmission of the funds which were collected in the Reformed Dutch Church for the Waldenses. Accompanying this document was a letter from Rev. Dr. Revel.

These papers were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

In conformity with the standing regulation, the Synod spend a part of the afternoon of the first day of the session in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan previously reported by a committee for that purpose, consisting of Rev. Samuel B. How, Lawrence H. Van Dyke, and the Elder, Henry C. Van Arsdale.

Resolved, That the subject of making arrangements for the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, be referred to a committee

consisting of Rev. Jeremiah S. Lord, Edwin Holmes, and the Elder Teunis A. Waldron.

Resolved, That a Synodical prayer meeting be held every morning at 8 o'clock during the sessions of the Synod.

Resolved, That the Professors of the Theological Seminary, and the Students of the same, be invited to unite with the Synod in the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Resolved, That the invitation be extended to the President, Professors and pious students in Rutgers College, and that a general invitation be given to all the Christian people in this city.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered on the afternoon of the second day of the session, in accordance with the arrangements reported by the Committee appointed for that purpose.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully report:

Another year has closed; and it has been the duty of your Committee to gather up and record the items which constitute the materials of its history for the instruction and edification of the Church. That we may do so the more distinctively and instructively, we shall consider it in the following order.

1. *The faithfulness of her ministry.*—This can not but be regarded by

nany of them made to bloom and blossom like the garden of the Lord. As it is, death is carrying more away than the call of Christ is inducing o come forward to occupy their places; and the necessity is created ither that the Church should suffer destitution, or that she should sup-ly herself from abroad; and the significant fact is stated that in one ection of the Church more candidates have been received from other ecclesiastical connections than from our own. No one need be informed hereunto this will lead, or how desirable it is that it should be reme-ied.

2. *The fruit gathered in by the labors of those who are reaping the arvest.*—The whole number received into the Church as reported by the wo Synods of New-York and Albany is as follows: On confession, 539; by certificate, 1370; total, 2900. The report of last year gave the ollowing: On confession, 1598; by certificate, 1540; total, 3138. The esult is probably the effect of omission on the part of the churches in ending in the report of their members received, more than any thing pe-uliar in the condition of our Zion generally.

The Committee would recommend the passage of the following reso-ution: *Resolved,* That it be enjoined on the ministers and consistories f all our churches, to report every year accurately the number of per-ons admitted to the communion of the Church, both by confession and ertificate.

In general, the language of the Synods is hopeful and encouraging. he Particular Synod of New-York says: "God has not left us. Most f the churches have evidence of his presence in the conversion of souls. Ve can not but be thankful. There seems to have been in most of the hurches a steady spiritual progress, and rich and gracious results from he diligent use of the appointed means. Although there comes up to s no joyful proclamation of Pentecostal seasons, yet some of the churches eport a more than ordinary accession of numbers. The churches of 'ompton Plains and Montville in the Classis Passaic, mentioned so avorably in the last report, may again be spoken of as enjoying the con-inued favor of God." We add, the church in Twenty-first street, he German Evangelical Mission Church, Staten Island; Stapleton; Market street; Second and Third Raritan; Bergen Neck; First, Second nd Third Newark; Middle Brooklyn; and Brooklyn Heights; Hopewell nd Rhinebeck; First Church Phila.; Blawenburgh; First Tarrytown; and econd Freehold, seem, from the numbers reported as having been re-eived on confession, to have enjoyed a more than ordinary measure of he Spirit.

But the Synod also add: "We can not but be humbled. Little has een accomplished in comparison with our need, our hopes, and the pro-nises of success attendant on the faithful discharge of duty. Truly, f we think of these things, and then turn to results, have we occasion of umiliation; and if the report should enforce more effectually the duty y bringing a conviction of its propriety and necessity home to the hearts f all Christians, we might hope to see the dawning of a better day.

The Particular Synod of Albany say: "Turning now to the internal ondition of the churches, we are met by a much lower state of piety han could be desired. A degree of interest is reported among some of

the churches; but the Synod has been unblessed with any marked revivals of religion during the past year. Other branches of our American Zion have been richly watered, while showers of the Divine Spirit have been greatly withheld from us. Comparatively few souls are recounted within our borders, as having lately submitted to the kingdom of God. One Classis reports a smaller number of members at present, than was reported last year. . . . With the want of revivals, there is also stated a want of a deep and vital interest in the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom. Our benevolent societies have not received their due share of support. However, the churches in Albany, Bethlehem, First Church Schenectady, First Ghent, Kinderhook, Harley, and Owasco Outlet may be referred to as encouraging instances, from the numbers reported to have been received into their communion on confession of faith, to show that God has not utterly forsaken us.

Thus the life of the Church seems to partake of the character of Christian experience. It is neither all dark, nor all sunshine; but a measure of each; and God gives them to us in our season. We may lament that the light is not more frequently "the light of seven days;" but let us not forget to thank him for the measure of it bestowed, and as we have every encouragement from his purpose and his promise to do, besiege the mercy-seat for an increase to fill the whole world, and sanctify it for the glory of God. Prayer conveys blessings down, but lamentations, bitter as those of the weeping prophet, have no promise of good to come, except as they evince repentance.

3. *The spirit of beneficence.*—A Christian is himself a consecrated offering to God, and he brings with him his *all*, and becomes obliged to

farewell, "Work while the day lasts; the night cometh in which no man can work."

During the present year five of our ministry have deceased, namely: Rev. Henry G. Livingston, late pastor of the Third Church, Philadelphia; the Rev. Dr. Scudder, of the Ceylon Mission, a veteran of many years and large experience; the Rev. D. McNeish, a devoted brother, extensively known among the churches in the West, where he had long labored with an unabating energy and zeal, whom, in the prime of life, and gifted with unusual powers and a highly-cultivated mind, united to a humble, devoted and affectionate spirit, it pleased God to remove in the midst of his usefulness; the Rev. Theodore F. Wyckoff, in the Island of St. Thomas, in the prime of life, the possession of eminent gifts, and with the prospect of great future usefulness; and while the Synod has been in session, the Rev. Jacob Brodhead, D.D., a father as eminent as he was beloved by all who knew him.

The whole ministry of the Church amounts now to the number of 349. All, however, are not engaged in active service. The important fact is presented that, while there are 55 vacant churches, there are 70 ministers without charge; of this number three are "emeriti," a few engaged in teaching, some are unfitted for active service by impaired health and old age, and some occupied with other employment not entirely inconsistent with their ordination vows; but the remainder are left standing in the market-place to say, "No man hath hired us." Why is this? How is it? Upon whom does the responsibility of producing such a result rest? Are all our unsettled ministers properly zealous in seeking opportunities of usefulness, and willing to labor in such spheres as the providence of God opens to them as the ordained servants of the Church? If it rests upon the ministers themselves, it exhorts them to change; if upon the congregations, it bodes no little evil. Some of these men are well known to be abundantly able to serve some of these churches, perhaps any one of them, to their edification. Why are they not "sent for?" Are there no itching ears, no rejection of the pure word of life because it is not brought to them as "savory meat?" God grant that none of the desolations of Zion may be wilful; none of the vacancies the result of a vicious appetite, rejecting the pure milk of the word because they seek for stimulants, glitter, and excitement. There is at this moment in our Church, a living ministry, able and experienced in the whole of the pastor's work, sufficient in number to supply every vacancy in the Church. Why is this desirable end not effected?

In responding to the inquiry, "Watchman, what of the night?" it is our privilege, as a committee, to reply, "The morning cometh." There has been an onward progress in our beloved Zion. Work has been done which God has owned and blessed. The preached word has not returned void in all cases. Souls have been converted, sanctified, and glorified. There are more in heaven now than when the year commenced, and our Church has been blessed in being an instrument to increase the company of the redeemed before the Lord. The number of converts is not in proportion to our desires, but it is what the Lord in his wisdom and sovereignty has seen fit to give us, and we should be prepared to say, "His will be done," *but not restrain* our prayer for more fruit.

But, alas! we are constrained likewise to respond, "And also the night." There is yet much land to be possessed, much work to be done, much self-denial required of us. We have not attained; at best we can only be said to be following after. Zeal, devotion, a sense of obligation, arising from a conviction that we are the Lord's, an increase of earnestness and diligence in labor, more liberality, more spiritual-mindedness, more prayer —in all these we need increase and the progression of elevation. We have to combat mighty foes, to overcome stupendous obstacles. An earnest heart, an undying patience, and a faith that fails not, can alone give us the victory. The ministry we need is in all attainments higher than the ministry we have. The Church that shall possess the earth in faith and godliness must be far in advance of the Church now occupying it. God's word and God's providence unite in urging us onward, onward. Progress alone gives hope of success.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Particular Synods, in preparing their reports on the state of religion, to embody in them, as far as possible, an extract from the Minutes of each Classis, embracing a comparative statement of the state of religion in their bounds, as materials out of which the General Synod may form a more accurate estimate of the condition of the whole Church.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ABRAHAM MESSLER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
New-York	John Knox T. De Witt T. E. Vermilye T. W. Chambers	450	2750	1248	28	27	27	..	28	1248	35	1	....	60	6	500	350	$ c. 11500 00	326 Fourth St., N. Y. 116 Ninth St., " 8 West 37th St., " 64 West 27th St., "
Broome Street	H. V. Voorhees, pas. elect	....	....	....	5	9	13	..	2	....	5	..	....	....	1	80	....	535 70	
Greenwich	N. J. Marselus, S.C.	300	1500	599	6	20	23	..	4	598	15	3	176	39	1	430	320	643 82	46 Hammond St., "
Seventh Avenue	W. R. Gordon	....	....	124	10	9	11	..	4	128	3	2	....	....	1	....	....	.....	9 Hammond St., "
Twenty-first St.	A. R. Van Nest	135	700	189	18	6	13	..	1	199	22	2	120	98	1	175	146	609 43	115 West 23d St., "
North-west 23d St.	J. B. Hardenbergh	....	....	230	4	13	19	..	5	223	9	1	50	50	1	100	75	250 or 300	95 West 23d St., "
Ger. Evan. Miss. Ch.	J. C. Guldin	....	775	508	27	4	4	..	7	529	45	1	60	....	2	300	262	174 24	122 Rivington St., "
Livingston Church	E. R. McGregor	48	195	35	4	3	1	..	..	41	2	3	....	....	1	76	60	64 98	
Mt. Pleasant, 50th St.	C. M. Jameson	40	175	32	8	5	2	..	..	50	8	2	....	....	1	130	95	75 00	99 East 40th St., "
Bloomingdale	E. Van Aken	60	300	70	3	1	....	..	1	73	10	..	50	....	1	200	100	.....	180 Ninth Av., "
Harlem	J. S. Lord	130	650	204	2	5	3	..	..	208	1	2	60	....	1	130	....	636 00	122d St. near 3d Av. "
Mott Haven	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Church on Washington Heights.	Charles Whitehead	37	185	12	3	13	1	..	1	26	13	..	....	....	1	60	30	.....	
Staten Island	J. Brownlee	160	800	195	17	2	....	1	4	209	20	5	....	15	1	175	150	480 00	Port Richmond, S. I.
Huguenots, (S. I.)	Vacant	18	75	18	..	..	....	..	..	18	6	..	....	....	1	100	50	40 00	
Richmond, (S. I.)	T. R. G. Peck	55	160	....	8	4	....	..	..	38	3	1	....	....	1	120	....	.....	
3d G. R. P. D. Ch. N.Y.	Vacant	17	100	....	6	..	....	..	..	43	12	..	9	9	1	50	40	.....	
Ger. Ref. at Harlem.	H. Bielfeld	9	25	....	8	..	1	..	..	27	17	..	....	....	1	8	....	.....	Harlem.

Ministers without Charge—Rev. P. I. Van Pelt, D.D.; C. C. Vermeule, D.D.; A. N. Kittle; J. Mulligan; and E. H. May. W. C. Brownlee, D.D., (*Emeritus.*)

OF NEW-YORK.

nts.		Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				
Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
2	163	17	8	....	....	2	284	190	$927 00	Stapleton, Staten Island.
2	131	19	4	120	40	2	325	275	499 80	Tompkinsville, S. I.
3	251	6	1	....	....	..	....	100	.....	New-York City.
8	402	12	6	....	....	1	320	220	3650 00	New-York City.
4	313	12	5	200	40	2	200	136	4005 31	New-York City.
..	241	5	3	98	49	3	145	95	894 02	New-York City.
3	145	25	..	40	30	1	120	90	260 00	Williamsburgh, L. I.
..	48	9	..	....	10	1	70	35	95 00	Crugers, Westchester Co.
..	38	3	1	....	....	1	60	40	66 39	Peekskill.
2	51	8	3	....	....	2	63	40	10 00	New-York City.
..	115	45	..	16	20	1	100	70	.....	New-York City.
..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	

Dr. Westbrook; Rev. Robert Kirkwood; Rev. John Alburtis; Rev. Quin; and Rev. John S. Ebaugh.

CLASSIS OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
First Raritan	Abraham Messler	175	....	410	11	..	14	..	3	404	13	1	50	....	4	200	....	.....	Somerville, N. J.
1st New-Brunswick	Samuel B. Howe	273	1220	432	7	10	2	2	5	440	21	3	....	....	..	....	....	.....	New-Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run	Jacob C. Sears	161	940	240	1	..	2	1	2	236	12	..	70	30	6	250	250	$629 00	Six Mile Run, "
Hillsborough	John De Witt	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Millstone, "
Bedminster	William Brush	130	650	215	4	3	11	..	2	211	11	..	100	....	5	....	150	299 00	Pluckamin, "
White House	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Whitehouse, "
Lebanon	Robert Van Amburgh	....	....	191	4	7	..	..	4	198	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Lebanon, "
North Branch	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	North Branch, "
Second Raritan	I. F. Mesick (pas. elect).	281	319	....	16	21	12	..	6	....	15	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Somerville, "
Middlebush	J. A. Van Doren, S. C.	92	460	166	4	3	2	1	4	166	13	..	60	30	2	125	100	475 70	Middlebush, "
Griggstown	Vacant	100	490	131	9	1	4	..	3	134	..	..	40	50	2	160	140	399 01	Griggstown, "
2d New-Brunswick	Samuel M. Woodbridge	100	....	136	14	17	10	..	2	155	8	..	80	30	1	90	75	382 86	New-Brunswick, "
Boundbrook	William Demarest	70	305	....	4	4	3	..	2	88	4	1	102	....	1	70	....	393 79	Boundbrook, "
Peapack	William Anderson	87	435	108	5	1	..	..	..	114	9	1	20	....	1	110	95	75 00	Peapack, "
Branchville	William Pitcher	86	450	99	6	9	3	..	1	110	9	1	20	....	1	....	....	.....	Somerville, "
Third Raritan	James A. H. Cornell	115	500	100	34	12	15	..	1	131	19	9	75	25	1	140	95	432 00	Raritan, "
Easton	Cornelius H. Edgar	45	160	80	..	10	15	..	1	74	1	..	....	....	1	60	60	156 68	Easton, Pa.
3d New-Brunswick	Vacant	60	....	66	..	..	16	..	..	50	16	..	....	....	..	....	....	25 00	

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s.			Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				
Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
.	6	316	11	1	60	20	1	168	85	$1295	Hudson, Huds. co., N.J
.	..	84	7	..	40	50	2	80	70	57	English Neig. " "
.	5	136	7	..	50	50	1	110	90	245	Hacken. Bergen co., "
.	4	148	9	..	100	40	3	130	110	160	Schraalenb. " "
.	1	191	14	..	160	120	3	260	210	231	Belleville, Essex co., "
.	1	79	7	..	40	....	1	65	50	544	Jers. City, Huds. co., "
.	1	62	8	2	6	15	1	40	25	47	Salterville, " "
.	3	516	13	4	370	150	1	400	325	1217	Newark, Essex co., "
.	1	40	....	..	....	....	1	75	50	63	Camptown, " "
.	..	174	10	1	94	25	1	213	111	760	Jers. City, Huds. co., "
1	2	80	9	..	25	40	1	130	80	408	New-Durham, " "
1	..	151	8	4	60	70	1	156	108	304	Newark, Essex co., "
.	15	227	282	..	33	33	1	100	70	27	" " "
.	..	28	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Hoboken, Huds. co., "
.	..	52	5	..	....	....	1	100	90	260	Jersey City, " "
1	2	56	17	..	10	25	1	60	50	6	N. Hoboken, " "
.	..	48	4	..	....	....	1	80	60	82	Hudson, " "
.	..	42	5	..	30	....	1	60	50	50	Bergen Point, " "

th twenty-two members.

n Garretson, Cor. Sec. Board of Dom. Missions; John L. Chapman, Iollis Read; and A. W. McClure.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Reed On Confession	Reed On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Pompton Plains....	Charles J. Shepard....	171	905	171	22	2	..	..	3	192	6	4	55	60	4	260	130	$214 00	Pompton Plains, N. J.
Pompton.....	John Gaston.....	125	650	178	4	1	3	..	2	178	8	1	75	25	1	300	....	104 00	Pompton, N. J.
Fairfield	Joseph Wilson	80	400	111	..	..	1	..	3	107	12	..	40	30	2	100	....	50 00	Little Falls, Passa. co., N.J.
Montville	Nathaniel Conklin	176	825	162	10	..	2	..	6	166	6	2	60	40	5	222	175	146 70	Montville, Morris co., N.J.
Preakness	John A. Staats, S. C...	90	450	55	1	5	..	..	..	61	2	..	44	22	1	92	65	30 00	Paterson, N. J.
Ponds	Barnabas V. Collins ..	70	....	52	1	..	..	..	2	51	16	..	20	20	1	30	....	.....	Pompton, N. J.
Wyckoff	Abraham G. Ryerson..	100	512	84	4	..	..	..	..	88	11	..	20	15	2	60	45	.....	Paterson, N. J.
Little Falls	John C. Cruikshank...	60	300	72	3	..	1	..	3	71	5	..	20	....	1	80	60	25 00	Little Falls, N. J.
Stone House Plains.	Peter S. Talmage.....	120	550	50	1	1	2	..	1	49	9	..	50	....	1	100	....	.....	Bloomfield, N. J.
Boardville.....	Vacant.....	45	200	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	1	45	....	.....	C.F.Johnson, Pompton, N.J.

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Dis.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
2	134	5	..	30	....	1	75	60	$232 14	Nyack Turnpike, N. Y.
6	186	11	1	25	25	1	30	25	75 00	Tappan Town, N. Y.
7	207	14	2	100	....	5	....	....	234 00	Acquacknonk, N. J.
2	168	42	..	....	14	1	140	....	.....	Paterson, N. J.
4	228	25	..	60	....	1	140	110	138 00	Paterson, N. J.
6	169	19	..	30	50	1	80	....	145 50	New-Prospect, N. J.
.	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Hackensack, N. J.
.	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Munsey, N. Y.
1	74	4	..	15	....	2	60	50	83 95	Spring Valley, N. Y.
.	68	5	..	60	....	..	....	....	10 00	Sufferns, N. Y.
1	90	4	2	30	....	..	....	....	.....	Warwick, N. Y.
5	131	12	3	....	25	1	115	90	93 01	Nyack, N. Y.
1	77	3	1	40	35	1	60	45	272 48	Piermont, N. Y.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG-ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Jamaica	John B. Alliger	206	1060	229	8	8	3	..	4	238	15	1	....	....	3	150	....	$717 36	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown	T. C. Strong	135	675	120	5	1	1	..	4	121	5	1	75	35	2	175	120	730 00	Newtown, L. I.
Oyster Bay	Vacant	91	670	....	8	..	5	..	4	112	6	6	....	40	1	30	....	80 00	Cedar Swamp, L. I.
North-Hempstead	James Demarest	70	350	40	..	3	1	..	..	42	3	..	....	....	..	....	....	100 00	Manhasset, L. I.
Williamsburgh	Elbert S. Porter	150	700	196	3	21	5	..	3	212	17	..	130	50	2	200	....	971 25	Williamsburgh, L. I.
Astoria	Wm. H. Ten Eyck	54	300	61	5	7	2	1	1	69	10	1	25	15	1	55	....	729 50	Astoria, L. I.
Green Point	*Goyn Talmadge	40	175	47	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Green Point, L. I.
Flushing	G. H. Mandeville, S.C.	50	250	55	3	2	2	..	2	56	4	..	10	10	1	50	40	62 28	Flushing, L. I.
South-Bushwick	John S. Himrod	45	200	37	..	3	..	..	..	40	4	..	....	....	1	100	60	100 00	Williamsburgh, L. I.
Church on Lee Avenue	Wm. W. Halloway	45	225	....	7	29	..	..	..	36	4	..	75	25	1	300	175	298 46	" "

* Pastor elect.

***Ministers without Charge*—Rev. A. A. Marcellus; Peter S. Williamson; E. R. Atwater; John W. Ward; Jefferson Wynkoop.**

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.		Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				
Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
3	290	4	..	30	20	1	120	100	$1047 00	Brooklyn.
6	129	7	..	25	30	2	....	....	1610 74	Flatbush.
..	126	15	..	60	....	2	130	110	820 45	New-Utrecht.
2	100	7	..	44	....	2	....	....	300 00	Gravesend.
2	81	12	..	65	24	2	105	85	.....	Flatlands.
1	91	3	2	30	15	1	60	40	99 65	East New-York.
1	98	6	1	....	....	2	110	80	.....	East New-York.
2	21	1	..	26	14	1	40	30	43 07	Brooklyn.
3	237	21	5	....	....	1	200	150	.....	Brooklyn.
2	68	3	..	40	15	1	112	80	600 00	Brooklyn.
1	135	13	2	80	75	1	174	106	562 08	Brooklyn.
3	290	17	3	121	30	2	300	221	3138 91	Brooklyn.
..	69	16	..	....	13	1	40	32	.....	East New-York.
2	35	..	..	28	15	1	58	39	60 00	Brooklyn.
27	1635	112	13	469	163	20	1275	977	$8281 90	

Brodhead; R. D. Van Kleek.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Reed On Confession	Reed On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
1st Poughkeepsie...	A. M. Mann, S. C.....	200	1200	....	8	5	8	..	7	321	6	2	20	60	1	200	120	$908 79	Poughkeepsie.
Fishkill.....	Francis M. Kip	....	....	....	7	..	6	..	6	156	2	..	....	38	1	....	....	422 37	Fishkill Village.
New-Hackensack...	C. Van Cleef	120	650	222	9	4	3	..	3	229	2	3	....	35	3	65	50	212 31	New-Hackensack.
Hopewell	A. Polhemus.....	100	600	225	14	..	4	..	4	230	15	6	40	20	3	...	30	250 00	Hopewell.
Rhinebeck	Peter Stryker.....	170	800	225	15	10	1	..	4	245	13	4	70	50	3	130	110	478 43	Rhinebeck.
Fishkill Landing ...	D. McL. Quackenbush.	62	263	104	3	2	4	..	3	102	3	1	48	31	1	100	80	370 00	Fishkill Landing.
Greenbush	H. Vedder	90	....	153	2	..	1	..	1	151	3	..	....	....	4	80	60	.....	Pine Plains.
Hyde Park	Henry Dater	85	400	129	5	4	1	..	2	135	8	2	....	....	3	80	....	77 04	Hyde Park.
Glenham.....	I. H. Beven.....	46	252	79	4	1	1	..	1	82	4	1	77	25	1	77	61	50 00	Glenham.
Poughkeepsie, 2d...	C. S. Hageman.....	96	450	87	3	6	..	..	..	96	3	..	26	25	1	102	70	618 35	Poughkeepsie.
	Total.....																	$3387 29	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. S. Van Vechten; Rev. Wm. A. Cornell.

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Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
188	17	2	50	150	5	300	250	$411 35	Harlingen.
256	14	..	50	....	5	200	....	310 00	Readington.
....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
328	10	4	75	85	1	300	230	2000 00	Philadelphia.
....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Philadelphia.
187	6	1	....	130	1	110	100	1500 00	Philadelphia.
....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
155	6	3	35	....	4	....	....	538 25	Blawenburgh, N. J.
161	6	..	87	37	3	130	95	82 00	Stanton, "

ad; Rev. Charles P. Wack; Rev. Jno. Talmage, Missionary in China.
Candidate.

dred dollars, sent by the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, to aid the Vaudois Churches in educating students preparing for the sacred ministry in the College of Latour, and expressing their "most lively acknowledgment and sincere and cordial affection" to those who have thus shown their Christian love by their contributions to aid them.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the ancient Church of the Waldenses be earnestly recommended to the liberal consideration of the members of our churches, and that immediate collections be taken up to complete the four hundred dollars promised to them, and that, whenever circumstances permit, collections be taken for the benefit of their institutions.

2. *Resolved*, That Rev. Messrs. How, Vanderveer, and Crispel, and the Elders, Van Arsdale and Shutt, be a Committee to address to them a letter assuring them of the cordial affection with which this Synod regards them, and conveying to them such information concerning our own churches as they may judge it expedient to communicate, and also to forward them a copy of the last Minutes of Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That there be a Committee to open a correspondence of the same character with the Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in South-Africa.

All which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL B. HOW, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Correspondence having reported a double number of persons from whom to elect delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Synod proceeded to the election, when the following were chosen: Rev. Abraham Polhemus, *primarius*; and Rev. Anson Dubois, *secundus*.

A communication was received from Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., in regard to the Waldensian Synod and the transmission of the funds which were collected in the Reformed Dutch Church for the Waldenses. Accompanying this document was a letter from Rev. Dr. Revel.

These papers were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

In conformity with the standing regulation, the Synod spend a part of the afternoon of the first day of the session in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan previously reported by a committee for that purpose, consisting of Rev. Samuel B. How, Lawrence H. Van Dyke, and the Elder, Henry C. Van Arsdale.

Resolved, That the subject of making arrangements for the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, be referred to a committee

consisting of Rev. Jeremiah S. Lord, Edwin Holmes, and the Elder, Teunis A. Waldron.

Resolved, That a Synodical prayer meeting be held every morning at 8 o'clock during the sessions of the Synod.

Resolved, That the Professors of the Theological Seminary, and the Students of the same, be invited to unite with the Synod in the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Resolved, That the invitation be extended to the President, Professors, and pious students in Rutgers College, and that a general invitation be given to all the Christian people in this city.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered on the afternoon of the second day of the session, in accordance with the arrangements reported by the Committee appointed for that purpose.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully report:

Another year has closed; and it has been the duty of your Committee to gather up and record the items which constitute the materials of its history for the instruction and edification of the Church. That we may do so the more distinctively and instructively, we shall consider it in the following order.

1. *The faithfulness of her ministry.*—This can not but be regarded by

ny of them made to bloom and blossom like the garden of the Lord. it is, death is carrying more away than the call of Christ is inducing come forward to occupy their places; and the necessity is created ıer that the Church should suffer destitution, or that she should sup- herself from abroad; and the significant fact is stated that in one ion of the Church more candidates have been received from other lesiastical connections than from our own. No one need be informed ereunto this will lead, or how desirable it is that it should be reme- d.

2. *The fruit gathered in by the labors of those who are reaping the vest.*—The whole number received into the Church as reported by the Synods of New-York and Albany is as follows: On confession, 39; by certificate, 1370; total, 2000. The report of last year gave the owing: On confession, 1598; by certificate, 1540; total, 3138. The ılt is probably the effect of omission on the part of the churches in ding in the report of their members received, more than any thing pe- iar in the condition of our Zion generally.

The Committee would recommend the passage of the following reso- on: *Resolved*, That it be enjoined on the ministers and consistories all our churches, to report every year accurately the number of per- s admitted to the communion of the Church, both by confession and tificate.

n general, the language of the Synods is hopeful and encouraging. Particular Synod of New-York says: "God has not left us. Most the churches have evidence of his presence in the conversion of souls. can not but be thankful. There seems to have been in most of the rches a steady spiritual progress, and rich and gracious results from diligent use of the appointed means. Although there comes up to o joyful proclamation of Pentecostal seasons, yet some of the churches ort a more than ordinary accession of numbers. The churches of npton Plains and Montville in the Classis Passaic, mentioned so orably in the last report, may again be spoken of as enjoying the con- ued favor of God." We add, the church in Twenty-first street, German Evangelical Mission Church, Staten Island; Stapleton; rket street; Second and Third Raritan; Bergen Neck; First, Second Third Newark; Middle Brooklyn; and Brooklyn Heights; Hopewell Rhinebeck; First Church Phila.; Blawenburgh; First Tarrytown; and ond Freehold, seem, from the numbers reported as having been re- ed on confession, to have enjoyed a more than ordinary measure of Spirit.

But the Synod also add: "We can not but be humbled. Little has n accomplished in comparison with our need, our hopes, and the pro- es of success attendant on the faithful discharge of duty. Truly, re think of these things, and then turn to results, have we occasion of miliation; and if the report should enforce more effectually the duty bringing a conviction of its propriety and necessity home to the hearts all Christians, we might hope to see the dawning of a better day.

The Particular Synod of Albany say: "Turning now to the internal dition of the churches, we are met by a much lower state of piety n could be desired. A degree of interest is reported among some of

be referred to as encouraging instan
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that God has not utterly forsaken us.

Thus the life of the Church seen
Christian experience. It is neither
measure of each; and God gives then
lament that the light is not more freq
but let us not forget to thank him for
as we have every encouragement from
do, besiege the mercy-seat for an inc
sanctify it for the glory of God. Pr
lamentations, bitter as those of the we
good to come, except as they evince re

3. *The spirit of beneficence.*—A Ch
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glorify the Saviour in his body and in
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$62,120.14. This indicates something
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more! The deficiency probably arises
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But there is another feature worth pr
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quents, but only say their number is yet
for the interests of the Church

farewell, "Work while the day lasts; the night cometh in which no man can work."

During the present year five of our ministry have deceased, namely: Rev. Henry G. Livingston, late pastor of the Third Church, Philadelphia; the Rev. Dr. Scudder, of the Ceylon Mission, a veteran of many years and large experience; the Rev. D. McNeish, a devoted brother, extensively known among the churches in the West, where he had long labored with an unabating energy and zeal, whom, in the prime of life, and gifted with unusual powers and a highly-cultivated mind, united to a humble, devoted and affectionate spirit, it pleased God to remove in the midst of his usefulness; the Rev. Theodore F. Wyckoff, in the Island of St. Thomas, in the prime of life, the possession of eminent gifts, and with the prospect of great future usefulness; and while the Synod has been in session, the Rev. Jacob Brodhead, D.D., a father as eminent as he was beloved by all who knew him.

The whole ministry of the Church amounts now to the number of 349. All, however, are not engaged in active service. The important fact is presented that, while there are 55 vacant churches, there are 70 ministers without charge; of this number three are "emeriti," a few engaged in teaching, some are unfitted for active service by impaired health and old age, and some occupied with other employment not entirely inconsistent with their ordination vows; but the remainder are left standing in the market-place to say, "No man hath hired us." Why is this? How is it? Upon whom does the responsibility of producing such a result rest? Are all our unsettled ministers properly zealous in seeking opportunities of usefulness, and willing to labor in such spheres as the providence of God opens to them as the ordained servants of the Church? If it rests upon the ministers themselves, it exhorts them to change; if upon the congregations, it bodes no little evil. Some of these men are well known to be abundantly able to serve some of these churches, perhaps any one of them, to their edification. Why are they not "sent for?" Are there no itching ears, no rejection of the pure word of life because it is not brought to them as "savory meat?" God grant that none of the desolations of Zion may be wilful; none of the vacancies the result of a vicious appetite, rejecting the pure milk of the word because they seek for stimulants, glitter, and excitement. There is at this moment in our Church, a living ministry, able and experienced in the whole of the pastor's work, sufficient in number to supply every vacancy in the Church. Why is this desirable end not effected?

In responding to the inquiry, "Watchman, what of the night?" it is our privilege, as a committee, to reply, "The morning cometh." There has been an onward progress in our beloved Zion. Work has been done which God has owned and blessed. The preached word has not returned void in all cases. Souls have been converted, sanctified, and glorified. There are more in heaven now than when the year commenced, and our Church has been blessed in being an instrument to increase the company of the redeemed before the Lord. The number of converts is not in proportion to our desires, but it is what the Lord in his wisdom and sovereignty has seen fit to give us, and we should be prepared to say, "His will be done," *but not* restrain our prayer for more fruit.

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Resolved, That it be recommended
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out of which the General Synod may
the condition of the whole Church.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	Census. Total of the Congregation.	Communicants. In Communion per last report.	Communicants. Reed On Confession	Communicants. Reed On Certificate	Communicants. Dismissed.	Communicants. Suspended.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Total in Communion.	Bap. Infants.	Bap. Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. Schools. No. of Schools.	Sab. Schools. Total Number of Scholars	Sab. Schools. Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
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New-York	John Knox T. De Witt T. E. Vermilye T. W. Chambers	450	2750	1248	28	27	27	..	28	1248	35	1	....	60	6	500	350	11500 00	326 Fourth St., N. Y. 116 Ninth St., " 8 West 37th St., " 64 West 27th St., "
Broome Street	H. V. Voorhees, pas. elect	....	....	....	5	9	13	..	2	....	5	..	....	....	1	80	....	535 70	
Greenwich	N. J. Marselus, S.C.	300	1500	599	6	20	23	..	4	598	15	3	176	39	1	430	320	643 82	46 Hammond St., "
Seventh Avenue	W. R. Gordon	....	....	124	10	9	11	..	4	128	3	2	....	....	1	....	....	.....	9 Hammond St., "
Twenty-first St.	A. R. Van Nest	135	700	189	18	6	13	..	1	199	22	2	120	98	1	175	146	609 43	115 West 23d St., "
North-west 23d St.	J. B. Hardenbergh	....	....	230	4	13	19	..	5	223	9	1	50	50	1	100	75	250 or 300	95 West 23d St., "
Ger. Evan. Miss. Ch.	J. C. Guldin	....	775	508	27	4	4	..	7	529	45	1	60	....	2	300	262	174 24	122 Rivington St., "
Livingston Church	E. R. McGregor	48	195	35	4	3	1	..	..	41	2	3	....	....	1	76	60	64 98	
Mt. Pleasant, 50th St.	C. M. Jameson	40	175	32	8	5	2	..	..	50	8	2	....	....	1	130	95	75 00	99 East 40th St., "
Bloomingdale	E. Van Aken	60	300	70	3	1	....	..	1	73	10	..	50	....	1	200	100	.....	180 Ninth Av., "
Harlem	J. S. Lord	130	650	204	2	5	3	..	..	208	1	2	60	....	1	130	....	636 00	122d St. near 3d Av. "
Mott Haven	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Church on Washington Heights	Charles Whitehead	37	185	12	3	13	1	..	1	26	13	..	....	....	1	60	30	.....	
Staten Island	J. Brownlee	160	800	195	17	2	....	1	4	209	20	5	....	15	1	175	150	480 00	Port Richmond, S. I.
Huguenots, (S. I.)	Vacant	18	75	18	..	..	....	..	..	18	6	..	....	....	1	100	50	40 00	
Richmond, (S. I.)	T. R. G. Peck	55	160	....	8	4	...	..	..	38	3	1	....	....	1	120	....	.....	
3d G. R. P. D. Ch. N.Y.	Vacant	17	100	....	6	..	....	..	..	43	12	..	9	9	1	50	40	.....	
Ger. Ref. at Harlem	H. Bielfeld	9	25	....	8	..	1	..	..	27	17	..	....	....	1	8	....	.....	Harlem.

Ministers without Charge—Rev. P. I. Van Pelt, D.D.; C. C. Vermeule, D.D.; A. N. Kittle; J. Mulligan; and E. H. May. W. C. Brownlee, D.D., (*Emeritus.*)

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

TORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			Contributions for Re-
	Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
›son.....	....	....	133	18	16	2	..	2	163	17	8	....	....	2	284	190	$9
.....	85	425	120	8	9	4	..	2	131	19	4	120	40	2	325	275	4
ey	150	800	248	5	9	8	..	3	251	6	1						
	192	1000		26	44	12											

CLASSIS OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
First Raritan	Abraham Messler	175	....	410	11	..	14	..	3	404	13	1	50	....	4	200	....	.....	Somerville, N. J.
1st New-Brunswick	Samuel B. Howe	273	1220	432	7	10	2	2	5	440	21	3	....	....	..	....	....	.....	New-Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run	Jacob C. Sears	161	940	240	1	..	2	1	2	236	12	..	70	30	6	250	250	$629 00	Six Mile Run, "
Hillsborough	John De Witt	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Millstone, "
Bedminster	William Brush	130	650	215	4	3	11	..	2	211	11	..	100	....	5	....	150	299 00	Pluckamin, "
White House	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Whitehouse, "
Lebanon	Robert Van Amburgh	....	....	191	4	7	..	..	4	198	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Lebanon, "
North Branch	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	North Branch, "
Second Raritan	I. F. Mesick (pas. elect).	281	319	....	16	21	12	..	6	....	15	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Somerville, "
Middlebush	J. A. Van Doren, S. C.	92	460	166	4	3	2	1	4	166	13	..	60	30	2	125	100	475 70	Middlebush, "
Griggstown	Vacant	100	490	131	9	1	4	..	3	134	..	..	40	50	2	160	140	399 01	Griggstown, "
2d New-Brunswick	Samuel M. Woodbridge	100	....	136	14	17	10	..	2	155	8	..	80	30	1	90	75	382 86	New-Brunswick, "
Boundbrook	William Demarest	70	305	....	4	4	3	..	2	88	4	1	102	....	1	70	....	393 79	Boundbrook, "
Peapack	William Anderson	87	435	108	5	1	..	..	..	114	9	1	20	....	1	110	95	75 00	Peapack, "
Branchville	William Pitcher	86	450	99	6	9	3	..	1	110	9	1	20	....	1	....	....	.....	Somerville, "
Third Raritan	James A. H. Cornell	115	500	100	34	12	15	..	1	131	19	9	75	25	1	140	95	432 00	Raritan, "
Easton	Cornelius H. Edgar	45	160	80	..	10	15	..	1	74	1	..	....	....	1	60	60	156 68	Easton, Pa.
3d New-Brunswick	Vacant	60	....	66	..	..	16	..	..	50	16	..	....	....	..	....	....	25 00	

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

ORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Scho		
				Recd.													
	Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number	
lor	285	1425	309	3	15	5	..	6	316	11	1	60	20	1	168		
.....	86	370	82	3	2	3	..	..	84	7	..	40	50	2	80		
ner, S. C.	130	750	132	4	5	.....		5	136	7	..	50	50	1	110		
t	158	680	147	5	....	.....		4	148	9	..	100	40	3	130	1	
ind	157	650	185	2	5	.....		1	191	14	..	160	120	3	260	2	
.....	65	325	86	2	....	8	..	1	79	7	..	40	....	1	[illegible]		
.....	75	375	109	14	5	25	..	1	[illegible]								

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Pompton Plains	Charles J. Shepard	171	905	171	22	2	..	..	3	192	6	4	55	60	4	260	130	$214 00	Pompton Plains, N. J.
Pompton	John Gaston	125	650	178	4	1	3	..	2	178	8	1	75	25	1	300	....	104 00	Pompton, N. J.
Fairfield	Joseph Wilson	80	400	111	..	..	1	..	3	107	12	..	40	30	2	100	....	50 00	Little Falls, Passa. co., N.J.
Montville	Nathaniel Conklin	176	825	162	10	..	2	..	6	166	6	2	60	40	5	222	175	146 70	Montville, Morris co., N.J.
Preakness	John A. Staats, S. C.	90	450	55	1	5	..	..	..	61	2	..	44	22	1	92	65	30 00	Paterson, N. J.
Ponds	Barnabas V. Collins	70	....	52	1	..	..	..	2	51	16	..	20	20	1	30	....	.....	Pompton, N. J.
Wyckoff	Abraham G. Ryerson	100	512	84	4	..	..	..	..	88	11	..	20	15	2	60	45	.....	Paterson, N. J.
Little Falls	John C. Cruikshank	60	300	72	3	..	1	..	3	71	5	..	26	....	1	80	60	25 00	Little Falls, N. J.
Stone House Plains	Peter S. Talmage	120	550	50	1	1	2	..	1	49	9	..	50	....	1	100	....	.....	Bloomfield, N. J.
Boardville	Vacant	45	200	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	1	45	....	.....	C.F. Johnson, Pompton, N.J.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

STORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			
	Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Reed On Confession	Reed On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Re-
k.....	105	410	132	1	4	..	1	2	134	5	..	30	....	1	75	60	$2
.....	120	500	137	5	2	2	..	6	136	11	1	25	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
[illegible]	910	1100	217	2	1	[illegible]		[illegible]									

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG-ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Reed On Confession	Reed On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.		
Jamaica	John B. Alliger	206	1060	229	8	8	3	..	4	238	15	1	....	....	3	150	....	$717 36	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown	T. C. Strong	135	675	120	5	1	1	..	4	121	5	1	75	35	2	175	120	730 00	Newtown, L. I.
Oyster Bay	Vacant	91	670	....	8	..	5	..	4	112	6	6	....	40	1	30	....	80 00	Cedar Swamp, L. I.
North-Hempstead	James Demarest	70	350	40	..	3	1	..	..	42	3	..	....	....	....	....	....	100 00	Manhasset, L. I.
Williamsburgh	Elbert S. Porter	150	700	196	3	21	5	..	3	212	17	..	130	50	2	200	....	971 25	Williamsburgh, L. I.
Astoria	Wm. H. Ten Eyck	54	300	61	5	7	2	1	1	69	10	1	25	15	1	55	....	729 50	Astoria, L. I.
Green Point	*Goyn Talmadge	40	175	47	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Green Point, L. I.
Flushing	G. H. Mandeville, S.C.	50	250	55	3	2	2	..	2	56	4	..	10	10	1	50	40	62 28	Flushing, L. I.
South-Bushwick	John S. Himrod	45	200	37	..	3	..	..	..	40	4	..	....	....	1	100	60	100 00	Williamsburgh, L. I.
Church on Lee Avenue	Wm. W. Halloway	45	225	....	7	29	..	..	..	36	4	..	75	25	1	300	175	298 46	" "

* Pastor elect.

***Ministers without Charge*—Rev. A. A. Marcellus; Peter S. Williamson; E. R. Atwater; John W. Ward; Jefferson Wynkoop.**

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

TORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.		
				Recd.												
	Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.
wight ...	150	750	283	4	8	2	..	3	290	4	..	30	20	1	120	100
ong.....	90	500	133	2	3	3	..	6	129	7	..	25	30	2	.....	
rie, S. C.	80	450	127	..	2	3	..	..	126	15	..	60	....	2	130	110
agh	70	400	97	5	..	..	..	2	100	7	..	44		2		

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap. C.		B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
1st Poughkeepsie...	A. M. Mann, S. C.....	200	1200	....	8	5	8	..	7	321	6	2	20	60	1	200	120	$908 79	Poughkeepsie.
Fishkill	Francis M. Kip	....	....	....	7	..	6	..	6	156	2	..	....	38	1	....	....	422 37	Fishkill Village.
New-Hackensack...	C. Van Cleef	120	650	222	9	4	3	..	3	229	2	3	....	35	3	65	50	212 31	New-Hackensack.
Hopewell	A. Polhemus.....	100	600	225	14	..	4	..	4	230	15	6	40	20	3	...	30	250 00	Hopewell.
Rhinebeck	Peter Stryker.....	170	800	225	15	10	1	..	4	245	13	4	70	50	3	130	110	478 43	Rhinebeck.
Fishkill Landing ...	D. McL. Quackenbush.	62	263	104	3	2	4	..	3	102	3	1	48	31	1	100	80	370 00	Fishkill Landing.
Greenbush	H. Vedder	90	....	153	2	..	1	..	1	151	3	..	....	....	4	80	60	.....	Pine Plains.
Hyde Park	Henry Dater	85	400	129	5	4	1	..	2	135	8	2	....	....	3	80	....	77 04	Hyde Park.
Glenham	I. H. Beven.....	46	252	79	4	1	1	..	1	82	4	1	77	25	1	77	61	50 00	Glenham.
Poughkeepsie, 2d...	C. S. Hageman.....	96	450	87	3	6	..	..	..	96	3	..	26	25	1	102	70	618 35	Poughkeepsie.
	Total.....																	$3387 29	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. S. Van Vechten; Rev. Wm. A. Cornell.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

ASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B.C.		Sab. Schools.			
	Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Re-
liner.....	150	750	183	8	10	7	..	6	188	17	2	50	[illegible]	[illegible]			
[illegible]	170	850	256	10	[illegible]	[illegible]											

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Hudson	D. D. Demarest	140	600	166	12	12	13	..	3	174	10	4	120	....	1	150	100	$300 66	Hudson.
1st Claverack	Ira C. Boice, S. C.	200	1000	304	5	3	3	..	..	309	10	1	....	....	4	200	108	47 00	Claverack.
2d Claverack	John H. Pitcher	90	500	71	..	2	..	2	3	70	1	..	30	....	3	100	80	97 98	Mellenville.
Germantown	Brogun Hoff	70	300	117	1	..	..	..	1	117	10	..	....	....	1	80	....	32 00	Germantown.
Upper Red Hook	John G. Johnson	68	243	77	2	1	1	1	5	74	5	1	13	10	2	80	60	67 68	Upper Red Hook.
Linlithgow	C. E. Crispell	160	900	197	6	1	3	..	5	196	10	1	56	29	6	260	200	105 83	Livingston.
Greenport	Jacob N. Voorhees	85	500	71	..	2	..	..	..	73	..	..	60	12	4	130	....	53 00	Hudson.
Taghkanic	William Lyall	75	250	....	1	..	..	..	..	95	4	1	30	15	2	160	130	.....	Copake.
	Total	888	4293	983	27	21	20	3	17	1088	50	8	309	66	23	1160	678	$704 15	

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

ASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.	Sab. Schools.			
	Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Reed On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Re
Stewart, S. C.	99	447	....	23	6	5	..	4	140	12	5	32	80	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Todd	84	420	114	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.									C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Reed On Confession.	Reed On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adul. Bapts.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	
Fairview	Abraham D. Wilson	125	675	131	8	4	4	..	2	137	17	..	40	50	2	120	100	$500 00	Fairview, Fulton Co., Ill.
Pekin	S. V. E. Westfall, S. C.	55	275	37	..	4	4	..	1	36	6	..	....	16	1	80	55	72 43*	Pekin, Tazewell Co., "
Vanderveer	Samuel B. Ayers	....	....	15	1	3	..	..	..	19	2	1	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Pleas't Plains, Sang., "
Burlington	I. B. Madoulet	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Burlington, Iowa.
Silver Creek	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Silver Creek, Steph. Co., Ill.
Spring Lake	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Pekin, Tazewell Co., Ill.

* We have raised something more for the Bible cause in a town society, but I know not what part was raised by our church. We have also raised about $100 for improvements in our house of worship.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

STORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			Contributions for Re-
	Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession.	Recd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
llis.....	100	475	132	6	2	2	..	..	135		7	2	30	30	2	60	60	$2
. Ganse.....	90	450	114	11	6	3	..	1	127		11	3	50	35	1	100	60	2
leiley.....	110	550	122	5	2	..	..	3	126		1	2	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
vater	55	980	68	8	1													

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Received On Confession	Received On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.		
Church of Albany ..	D. Kennedy	265	1209	449	5	4	6	1	6	445	12	2	....	....	1	150	125	$2701 00	Albany.
2d do. do. ..	I. N. Wyckoff, S.C.....	290	1316	559	13	33	16	..	14	575	22	2	290	109	2	425	290	2217 00	Ditto.
3d do. do. ..	Alex. Dickson.....	110	350	180	10	2	5	1	3	183	..	..	....	....	1	126	82	283 13	Ditto.
Bethlehem.....	John Simonson.....	180	900	234	14	1	4	6	..	239	6	1	113	126	5	247	172	103 33	Cedar Hill.
2d Ch. Bethlehem ..	John A. Lansing.....	108	550	135	4	..	1	..	1	137	8	2	....	....	2	125	100	310 50	Albany.
Union.....	J. M. Compton	35	163	85	..	..	2	..	..	83	2	..	21	10	1	46	30	4 00	
Jerusalem		77	352	98	..	2	..	2	..	98	3	..	56	....	..	....	....	20 00	
Coeymans	Wm. P. Davis.....	100	500	64	1	..	4	..	..	61	1	..	....	....	2	90	75	.....	Coeymans.
New-Baltimore...		67	360	63	1	4	..	..	1	67	3	..	....	....	1	100	75	.....	Ditto.
Onisquethaw	S. Van Santvoord	56	300	95	4	2	4	..	1	96	5	1	....	....	..	....	....	.....	New-Baltimore.
Salem.....	J. Middlemas	100	500	139	..	..	1	..	1	137	8	..	35	....	1	92	20	.....	Salem.
2d Church, Berne...	Vacant	52	250	112	..	..	..	..	..	112	3	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Berne.
Knox	Ditto	20	100	32	..	..	..	..	..	32	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Knox.
Clarksville	Ditto	35	145	10	..	3	..	..	..	13	..	..	....	....	1	35	25	.....	Clarksville.
Westerlo	Ditto	100	500	117	2	..	3	..	1	115	1	1	....	....	2	60	45	.....	Westerlo.

***Ministers without Charge.*—J. Van Vechten, D.D., J. P. Pepper, Wm. A. Miller, J. H. Pettingill, Z. Weisgotten, R. Porter.**

SCHENECTADY

...ncants.				Bap. C. & B. C				Sab. Schools.				
...	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
0	..	8	373	4	6	....	32	1	180	145	$441 70	Schenectady.
6	..	1	69	21	..	25	40	1	125	80	65 00	Ditto.
..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	1	25	....	.....	Ditto.
3	..	3	120	7	..	25	40	1	70	55	152 00	Vischer's Ferry.
5	..	2	166	3	..	....	30	4	100	65	166 00	Niskayuna.
9	..	1	165	2	1	....	....	2	80	....	.....	Glenville.
4	..	1	132	9	1	30	50	6	250	170	60 00	Scotia.
.	..	1	81	3	5	20	50	1	30	....	41 17	Hoffman's Ferry.
1	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	2	60	30	.....	Schenectady.
1	..	4	245	21	..	15	20	4	....	130	129 34	Guilderland Centre.
.	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	1	50	....	2 00	West Day.
.	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Dunnsville.
.	..	3	52	1	..	....	26	1	45	120	.....	Lisha's Kill.

[...wits, Stated Clerk, Schenectady]

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession.	Recd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Castleton	E. P. Stimpson	90	400	51	1	4	2	..	1	53	4	1	....	....	1	50	....	$20 00	Castleton.
Chatham	Edwin Holmes	65	350	50	1	5	..	..	3	53	6	..	35	40	3	90	70	80 00	Chatham 4 Corners.
Blooming Grove	Cyril Spaulding	70	350	67	5	..	1	..	4	67	3	..	....	....	2	70	....	32 48	Defreestville.
1st Ch. Ghent	John Gray	....	....	55	16	3	1	..	3	70	3	1	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Ghent.
2d Ch. Ghent	John H. Van Woert	76	400	....	5	..	..	..	3	164	15	..	....	....	1	80	....	50 00	Hudson.
Greenbush	James R. Talmadge	160	810	185	3	3	6	..	3	182	13	1	....	....	5	200	....	130 00	East-Greenbush.
Kinderhook	Oliver Bronson	200	1000	276	15	6	2	..	6	289	5	4	....	....	3	200	....	.....	Kinderhook.
Nassau	Richard H. Steele	160	800	228	7	3	5	..	3	230	5	5	....	....	5	200	....	150 00	Nassau.
Schodack	Wm. Bailey	175	900	204	4	1	7	..	1	201	11	1	....	....	4	200	....	180 00	Schodack.
Stuyvesant	Elbert Nevius,	110	540	80	5	..	..	..	3	82	4	1	....	....	1	70	....	136 81	Stuyvesant.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Scho	
	Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd. On Confession.	Recd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number
Wells	104	520	122	4	2	..	..	3	125	11	..	....	....	2	100	
Wells, S. S.	45	....	....	3	..	2										
ant																

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Currytown	W. D. Buckelew	75	340	66	..	..	..	..	2	64	2	..	....	....	1	25	....	$180 70	Root.
Mapletown	....	85	400	77	1	..	2	..	3	73	..	..	....	....	1	80	....	....	....
Stone Arabia	J. C. Van Liew	120	500	118	..	..	1	..	2	115	4	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	Palatine Bridge.
Ephratah	Ditto	70	300	63	1	..	..	..	2	62	2	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	Ditto.
St. Johnsville	J. Knieskern	130	700	167	..	2	2	..	3	164	5	..	....	....	2	100	90	30 00	St. Johnsville
Columbia	W. L. James	72	316	58	3	..	4	..	1	56	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	8 00	Columbia.
Florida	Vacant	100	300	150	2	..	..	..	6	146	4	1	....	....	2	60	25	....	Minaville.
Glen	A. H. Van Vranken	92	390	54	6	1	4	..	2	55	4	2	....	....	4	140	110	....	Glen.
Canajoharie	E. S. Hammond	100	350	90	..	..	..	..	..	....	12	..	....	25	..	45	....	25 00	Canajoharie.
Fort Herkimer	J. L Starks	70	350	....	1	..	2	..	..	35	5	..	....	....	2	60	....	....	Mohawk.
Mohawk	E. Slingerland	40	200	19	2	4	..	..	..	25	1	..	50	50	1	75	50	28 50	Ditto.
Auriesville	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	
Caughnawaga	D. Van Olinda, S. C.	150	750	125	2	2	..	..	1	128	4	1	....	....	2	80	....	....	Fonda.
Fort Plain	M. L. Schenck	100	550	80	..	..	..	..	..	80	..	..	....	....	..	100	....	....	Fort Plain.
Mariaville	Vacant	50	200	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	Mariaville.
Manheim	Paul Weidman	50	250	56	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	Manheim.
Herkimer	J. C. Mead	210	1050	312	10	2	3	..	4	317	20	1	....	....	3	75	....	440 00	Herkimer.
Henderson	Ditto	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	Mohawk.
Frankfort	J. Murphy	....	....	....	1	6	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	Herkimer.
Port Jackson	Vacant	67	324	52	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	55	....	....	Port Jackson.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Sch	
	Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Reed On Confession	Reed On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.
acant	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....		....	....	....	....	....	....
lex. C. Hillman.....	100	400	38	5	2	2	..	1	43		..	9	26	20	1	60
enry Ostrander.....	100	600	91	4	5	2	..	2	96		12	9	....	....	2	....
A. Evans	200	1100	98	6	2	..	..	1	105		11	1	....	....	3	120
acant	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....		....	....	....	....	....	....
McFarlane	100	500	176	7	..	5	..	..	178		..	....	....	....	....	....
hn Gosman.....	120	650	201	2	..	2	..	1	200		9	....	....	....	2	50
hn N. Jansen	150	....	81	3	1	..	..	2	82		11	1	....	....	....	....

CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession.	Recd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Saratoga	Samuel T. Searle	80	350	116	5	14	2	..	4	129	3	1	15	....	1	50	25	$229 50	Schuylerville.
Union Village	Vacant	112	450	186	2	..	4	..	3	181	....	..	30	8	1	65	50	186 65	Greenwich.
Northumberland	P. Van Wyck, S. C.	70	275	99	2	1	1	1	..	100	1	..	....	20	1	50	40	20 00	Pope's Corners.
Gansevoort	Ditto	30	120	30	3	..	..	..	..	33	..	..	....	20	1	30	25	30 00	Gansevoort.
Tiosioc	J. B. Shaw	55	265	102	..	..	1	..	..	101	1	..	30	7	3	140	90	111 00	Buskirk's Bridge.
Schaghticoke	Jacob D. Fonda	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Stillwater.
Jackson	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Battenville.
Easton	Ditto	50	200	51	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	North-Easton.
Fort Miller	Ditto	30	125	43	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Fort Miller.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. Birkby, J. Parry, U. Marvin.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap		C. & B. C.		Sab. School		
	Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Received. On Confession.	Received. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number
on Ingalls	106	555	118	9	[illegible]	[illegible]										

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Reed On Confession.	Reed On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Berea	J. B. Ten Eyck	70	350	107	6	..	..	..	1	112	9	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	St. Andrew's.
Montgomery	Robt. P. Lee	208	1100	348	7	3	4	2	8	344	21	3	135	115	1	..	..	$415 00	Montgomery.
Shawangunk	Chas. Scott	215	1100	236	19	3	17	..	14	227	13	3	..	..	4	..	160	340 00	Bruynswick
New-Prospect	W. S. Moore, S. C.	120	550	130	6	4	2	..	1	137	9	2	40	30	3	100	80	76 00	Ulsterville.
Deer Park	H. Slauson	145	750	..	2	..	4	..	1	140	5	1	80	..	1	80	56	75 00	Port Jervis.
Newburgh	M. N. McLaren	95	470	143	3	8	11	..	2	141	6	1	100	.. 80	1	125	91	251 00	Newburgh.
Minisink	D. A. Jones	50	200	62	4	..	1	..	1	65	..	1	15	16	2	70	58	77 83	Montague.
New-Hurley	L. L. Comfort	175	1000	..	5	1	2	..	2	100	8	1	..	..	4	175	125	164 00	New-Hurley.
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker.	85	450	160	7	1	12	..	1	155	17	1	80	50	1	90	80	291 00	Walden.
Walpack	R. Pitts, S. S.	130	550	..	..	..	..	..	..	178	..	..	..	..	3	80	70	..	Delaware.
Bloomingburgh	S. W. Mills	115	520	181	2	2	8	..	1	176	7	..	..	..	1	85	..	223 45	Bloomingburgh.
Ellenville	E. W. Bentley	118	500	104	2	5	8	..	3	100	5	..	..	..	2	..	165	443 60	Ellenville.
Fallsburgh	J. Searle	102	520	115	2	2	2	..	1	116	1	..	40	20	2	100	75	135 00	Woodbourne.
Warwarsing	Vacant	158	790	151	5	1	4	..	5	148	1	1	64	69	4	198	135	..	Napanock.
Grahamville	Do. Pastor elect†	65	325	..	..	..	..	..	..	105	..	..	..	..	1	30	20	..	Grahamville.
Mamakating	S. Searle	70	350	56	8	1	1	..	..	64	1	3	28	15	2	60	26	..	Wurtsborough.
Upper Neversink	J. E. Burnhart	31	155	17	..	..	2	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	2	50	40	15 00	Claryville.
Jeffersonville	J. Hones	..	..	37	..	..	1	..	1	35	21	..	15	..	1	20	..	7 00	Jeffersonville.
Middleport*.	Vacant	..	..	20	..	..	2	..	..	18	1	..	20	24	1	..	45	..	Kerhonkson.
Cuddebackville‡	Vacant	70	350	12	6	2	..	..	..	18	..	..	20	30	2	70	60	..	Cuddebackville.
Brown's Settlem't	Vacant	10	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. B. R. Hall, J. Boyd, W. Youngblood, W. S. Heyer, C. D. Ennige, J. R. Leute, †W. R. S. Betts, J. P. Pfister. *James Murphy, Pastor ‡H. Morris, Pastor Elect.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools		
			Recd												
Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	n Communion er last report.	n Confession	n Certificate	ismissed.	spended.	ed.	tal in Communion.	ants.	ults.	mber of Catechumens.	mber in Bibli- Instruction.	of Schools.	al Number of Scholars.	rage Number f Scholars.

CLASSIS OF WATERVLIET.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap. C. & B. C.				Sab. Schools.			Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Reed On Confession	Reed On Certificate	Di-missed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.		
West-Troy	O. H. Gregory	115	550	274	3	7	4	..	1	281	4	1	....	40	1	150	120	$497 00	West-Troy.
So. Church. W. Troy	G. L. Roof	75	350	90	..	1	2	..	3	86	2	..	....	....	1	100	75	..	West-Troy.
Wynant's Kill	J. Stevenson	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	Wynant's Kill.
Boght	J. Du Bois	60	300	88	1	3	2	..	2	88	1	..	....	30	1	67	62	50 00	Boght.
Waterford	R. L. Schoonmaker	54	260	80	2	4	1	..	2	83	3	..	....	....	1	85	75	100 00	Waterford.
Cohoes	C. L. Waldron	70	350	95	5	8	7	..	..	101	4	..	....	....	..	70	60	256 54	Cohoes.
Rensselaer	Geo. McCartney	40	200	68	..	3	4	..	1	66	3	..	12	....	1	40	....	30 00	West-Troy.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.

ASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.	
	Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	umber in Biblical Instruction.	n. of Schools.	tal Number of Scholars.	erage Number of Scholars.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Received. On Confession.	Received. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Lodi	G. J. Van Neste, S.C.	153	765	207	3	7	6	..	7	204	11	..	....	45	3	180	165	$324 62	Lodi.
Farmersville	Benj. Bassler	95	500	140	2	4	4	..	1	141	3	..	....	35	1	110	90	225 00	Farmersville.
Geneva	J. A. Collier*	121	417	118	..	....	..	..	..	141	..	..	50	12	1	140	....	.....	Geneva.
Ithaca	J. Elmendorf	106	325	132	1	1	6	..	..	128	2	..	38	....	1	80	50	297 01	Ithaca.
Arcadia	B. F. Snyder*	50	200	63	..	1	2	..	1	61	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Arcadia.
Tyre	J. R. Van Arsdale	48	200	69	..	....	..	..	1	68	1	..	10	....	1	30	....	24 00	Waterloo.
Caroline	J. Whitbeck	45	150	54	1	1	1	..	3	52	1	..	....	25	1	50	35	38 00	Slaterville.
Cato	Vacant	45	215	49	..	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	1	20	....	.....	Cato.
Wolcott	John Muller	42	200	37	2	3	..	..	..	41	1	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Fair-Haven.
Waterloo	Vacant	30	150	17	2	....	1	..	..	18	..	..	....	20	..	....	....	5 00	Waterloo.
Pultneyville	A. R. Kasse	47	200	80	5	17	4	..	6	92	5	..	45	....	1	45	....	6 00	Pultneyville.
Rochester	Vacant	86	400	149	2	43	17	2	4	171	32	..	50	....	3	225	....	.....	Rochester.
Buffalo	W. C. Wust*	26	....	....	..	....	4	2	..	39	13	..	22	....	..	....	....	.....	Buffalo.
Clymer	J. W. Dunnewald	53	200	61	18	....	6	1	..	72	8	..	30	20	2	30	25	18 00	Clymer.

Ministers without Charge.—R. W. Knight, J. Hammond, A. Hoffman, J. Beattie, J. L. See, missionary to Buffalo. * Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.

TORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bap. C. & B. C.			Sab. School		
	Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Reed On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number
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.....	60	285		9											

CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C. Sab. Schools.					Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession.	Recd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.		
Alton		40																	
Bethlehem		45																$5 75	
Chicago	J. M. Ferris	20																	
Chicago (Holland)		50																	
Franklin		15																2 30	
Holland	K. Vander Schür	45																	
Hooge Prarie	M. Ypma	40																	
Milwaukie	S. Bolks	77																16 00	
Oostburgh	K. Vander Schür	80																10 00	
Mission to the poor in the West	J. A. Davenport	..																	

OF THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH, FOR

	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Students.	No. of Families.	Total of the Congregations.	Received: On Confession.	Received: On Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Baptized: Infants.	Baptized: Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	No. in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Amount of Contributions for Religious
.....	21	24	..	..	1459	8690	138	101	3668	226	23	525	271	23	1658	$15055
.....	12	20	..	..	978	3975	103	196	1898	161	31	472	189	16	1687	10407
.....	18	14	..	..	1775	5905	121	98	2511	151	16	617	165	25	1205	3249
.....	18	23	..	..	2070	9637	156	144	2390	416	14	1078	638	22	1634	5756
.....	13	13	..	..	1318	5122	45	55	1482	144	9	390	149	14	700	1289
.....	14	15	..	..	969	4827	74	124	1770	125	13	549	251	20	1449	828
.....	10	14	..	..	886	4605	39	74	926	68	9	315	175	12	1050	378
.....	10	12	..	..	969	4615	70	32	1747	39	19	281	284	21	884	338
.....	11	13	1	..	780	3950	56	55	1275	59	10	297	402	19	1040	484
.....	10	9	..	..	1037	4792	46	9	963	75	7	384	212	19	1289	56
.....	6	4	..	..	180	950	9	11	192	25	1	40	66	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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	19	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ARTICLE VII.

SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their Report was accepted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully report that they have carefully examined the Minutes placed in their hands.

On the Minutes of the last General Synod we find the following matters, claiming the attention of this Synod:

On p. 415, a resolution directing our appointed delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to call the attention of that body to a violation of the Articles of Correspondence, with the request that it will take such action as the circumstances seem to demand.

On p. 416, a resolution appointing a select committee to consider the propriety of extending the sphere of our correspondence with other evangelical churches, to report to this Synod.

On p. 420, a resolution directing the Particular Synods to send up to the General Synod a transcript of the Classical records in regard to the answers to the second and third constitutional questions, proposed at the spring session of each Classis.

On p. 451, a resolution sending down to the Classes the question, "Shall the Particular Synods be made conventional, instead of being, as now, delegated bodies? and, if not conventional, shall the delegation be increased? and that their answer be transmitted to this Synod."

On p. 453, a resolution re-committing the Liturgy, and instructing the committee to revise the same, and submit their report to this Synod.

On p. 477, a resolution directing the several Classes to take order that a general concerted effort be made to raise the aforesaid sum ($25,000) for the Church Building Fund, on the second Sabbath of January, 1855, and to have a yearly collection in every subsequent year.

On p. 493, a resolution directing the several Boards of the Church to present hereafter printed annual reports to the Synod.

In the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New-York, on p. 26, are the following:

IV. OVERTURES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

1. From the North Classis of Long-Island, instructing their Delegates, as they did last year, to call the attention of the General Synod to a supposed conflict between Sect. 21, Art. I. of the Constitution, in reference to examination of ministers coming from bodies with which we are in correspondence, and Sect. 4 of Art. I., on Reception of Ministers.

2. From the Classis of Westchester, proposing an additional column in the statistical reports, giving the amount raised by each church for its own congregational expenditures.

3. *Another recommendation*, from the same Classis, that the General *Synod inquire into the expediency* of so altering the form for the admi

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2. Papers purporting to be a complaint of Maria Stebbins against a decision of the Particular Synod of New-York.

In the judgment of your Committee, this Synod ought not to entertain this complaint, inasmuch as the subject-matter thereof, if it belongs to either, belongs to the Civil rather than the Ecclesiastical Court. It is recommended that she have leave to withdraw her papers.

3. From the North Classis of Long-Island, desiring a decision by this Synod of the question of a supposed conflict between the rules for the reception of ministers from other denominations. See the Constitution, Art. I., § 21, and the Digest, Chap. II., § 4, Art. i., on p. 344.

The only point on which there is any, even a seeming discrepancy, is in regard to the admission of ministers from Churches with which we are in correspondence, the Constitution implying that such applicant, unless there be suspicion of disqualification as to orthodoxy and morals, may be admitted on the credit of his credentials alone, while the Digest requires that he be examined. This discrepancy is rather apparent than real—one of words and not of spirit. The design of both the clauses referred to is to protect our Church from the ministration of unsound and unworthy men. To effect this, the Constitution requires that, before receiving an applicant, whether licentiate or ordained minister, the Classis shall be satisfied of his soundness in doctrine and correctness in morals; the Digest specifies how such satisfaction shall be secured, namely: by actual examination in the presence of a Deputatus. Although they differ, they do not conflict. The latter goes further than the letter of the former, but it does so carrying out its spirit. On the most careful examination of these documents, your Committee can not discover that there is any antagonism between them.

All which is respectfully submitted. M. N. McLAREN.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Classes on the subject of a change of the Particular Synods (p. 451) reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

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To our Liturgy also, as it has been handed down to us, and in which is embodied so much of enlightened wisdom, of sound orthodoxy, and of true piety, and to which the affections of the Church through successive generations have so fondly clung, there is everywhere prevalent among us a deeply-rooted and ardently-cherished attachment. And we confidently believe that the slightest manifestation of a disposition to lay rude and violent hands upon it would be met from every quarter with a prompt, and stern, and overwhelmingly indignant rebuke.

But our Liturgy, venerable as it is for age, and indisputable, in very many respects, as is its intrinsic excellence, is, after all, only a human production, and can, of course, therefore lay no claim to exemption from the imperfection incident to such an origin, nor will it be regarded by any intelligent and ingenuous mind as either wanting in proper respect or as evincing an undue disparagement of its merit, to assert that there are in it both positive and negative defects—defects which may be sought to be remedied, and which it would be simply absurd to suppose that no wisdom of the present age is adequate to remedy. To these defects, few, if any of you, are, in all probability, insensible. They have formed a subject of remark and of criticism both among the ministry and the laity of our Church, and that our Liturgy is susceptible of improvement has been freely admitted, and hence the desire has been again and again expressed that, in order to render it more complete and attractive, and better adapted to serve at the present day the purpose for which it was designed, certain changes ought to be effected, and especially in those parts, the use of which, by the Constitution of our Church, has been made indispensably obligatory.

Yet such has been the aversion of some among us, and the indifference of others, to even the slightest change in our ritual, that this matter of the Liturgy was never presented to the consideration of any of our ecclesiastical judicatories until the meeting of the General Synod in the city of Philadelphia, in 1853. At that meeting a motion was introduced in relation to an improvement of the Liturgy, and the whole subject was freely, and fully, and ably discussed, and the importance of its thorough and careful revision was generally and unreservedly acknowledged. No

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The Board congratulate themselves on having been able to reduce the liability of Synod to Mr. Taylor, former principal of the Holland school; but a balance of $762 is still due him, which they are anxious to pay, as he has suffered severely from lack of this money, that ought to have been paid him long since. The school is doing a very important work among the interesting people for whose benefit it was established, being now conducted after the plan adopted last year by Synod on recommendation of the Board, which lessens the annual expense to the Board one half.

From a paper submitted to the Synod by the Rev. Mr. Van Der Meulen, the Committee learn that eighteen students, sixteen of whom are boys, and two girls, are pursuing their studies in the Holland Academy. It is believed that this whole number are pious. The boys are all preparing to enter our college, and ultimately our Seminary, with a view to the ministry. The girls are being trained for usefulness in the Master's vineyard, in the foreign or domestic field. These young persons are all in indigent circumstances; so that the Holland churches in Michigan are obliged to provide board for all, and clothing for a majority of their number. This becomes a very heavy burden upon these churches, whose means are limited, and whose comparatively recent immigration has not allowed them to place themselves in a situation to do more than to provide for their individual families, except at great sacrifice.

The advancement of these young men in their studies is deemed a matter of great importance, inasmuch as the field in which they are expected to labor is rapidly extending. The Holland brethren have already twenty churches. Several of these are without the regular preaching of the Gospel, in consequence of the want of ministers who can address them in their own language.

In view of these circumstances, the Committee recommend these youth in the Holland Academy, to the favorable consideration and aid of the Board of Education.

For the full payment of its debt, (which was not incurred by the Board, but imposed with the care of the school,) and for its enlarged operations, they ask that the Synod would afford them aid in a way at once feasible and just, especially as, after a trial of two years, they have no expectation of raising the amount by ordinary collections; and your Committee agreeing with their suggestion, submit this resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of General Synod be directed to return to the Treasurer of the Board of Education, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars taken a few years since from that treasury, and now invested for the benefit of the Holland school.

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young men are now directing their course to the ministry of our Church, and that of those few, are wholly, or in part, supported by the funds of the Church; that these young men are greatly exposed to temptation of running into debt, besides other dangers, and need increased oversight; and that the churches, for some reason, do not maintain the degree of concern in these regards which prompted them in times past to make such large foundations for the training of a future ministry. Indeed, it can not be denied that the plan of eleemosynary education for the sacred office has fallen with some minds into doubt, with others into disrepute; while various reasons are suggested for the diminution of aspirants to the blessed and honorable work of the evangelical ministry, and for the supposed decay of ministerial power.

In a country like ours, which opens many avenues to gain and personal advancement, so that the poorest youth may, without presumption, aim at an honorable independence; but where the support of Christian pastors, contingent wholly on the voluntary contributions of the people, is so small and comparatively uncertain, we must believe that those young men professing piety who allow themselves to weigh the worldly advantages of other pursuits against the cry of the Church for service, would turn from a career of self-denial and ill-paid labor. Yet self-denial, self-sacrifice, and even self-abandonment, for the sake of Christ and the souls of men, have ever been the true conditions of preaching the Gospel. No young man, who, having counted the cost, is not willing to give up all for Christ the crucified for us, is fit to serve in the kingdom of God. The trials of the ministry have ever been its best defense against the intrusion of unworthy men who would seek its holy name for filthy lucre and not of a ready mind. Nor can it be denied that amidst all its pains, a pious heart will find rich compensation in serving the best Master, in the communion of saints, in the love of souls, and the hope of eternal reward. The devoted pastor's life, when the soul is consonant to its occupations, is not by far the least desirable lot in this life. The real, radical secret of our decay in this respect must lie in the decay of the Church, its worldliness and lack of prayer. The ministry are Christ's shepherds, and the promise that they who hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be filled, is to be made sure by the Holy Spirit, mainly through their teachings out of the word of God. When that longing desire for truth is felt, the promise will not be broken or a qualified ministry denied. It were strange scandal, indeed, if while other young men of this land press so vigorously on their personal enterprises of ambition and gain, those who remember their Creator should shrink from any effort necessary to gain an entrance upon a career which likens them to the great Apostle of our profession, the Son of God incarnate.

Still, while we should lower in no degree the standard of ministerial piety and education, we should assist, so far as we may, the weakness of our younger brethren, and relieve them of burdens which might clog their efforts, sicken their hearts, and break down their energy. And since the Church has undertaken to look upon young men aiming at the preaching of the Gospel, as her sons, and provision for their necessities requires an expenditure of money dedicated to God, it is important that such adoption be affectionate, and such expenditure be economical, th

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"'*Resolved*, That the Theological Professors and three members of the Board of Superintendents, (now to be appointed,) be a Committee to proceed as soon as possible to procure plans of such a Theological Hall as is hereinbefore described, and to collect funds sufficient for the erection of such an edifice.

"'*Resolved*, That as soon as said moneys be collected or subscribed, the Committee take measures to call a meeting of General Synod in the manner prescribed by the Constitution, and request the Synod to legislate on this matter and ratify the action of this Board and its Committee.

"'The following persons were appointed members of the Committee with the Professors: Rev. Dr. Chambers, Rev. J. Mason Ferris, and Rev. Thomas C. Strong.'

"The general description of the [proposed] building is given in the following sentence from the report of the Committee: 'We advise that at once we enter upon the work of erecting a Theological Hall, which shall furnish an airy, commodious apartment for a library, comfortable lecture-rooms, a hall in which the students may preach, dormitories, a refectory, and not least, a residence for our esteemed professor of Biblical Literature.'

"The Committee thus appointed proceeded at once to the consideration of the duties assigned them. Being convinced that the tardy process of raising so large a sum as the case required, by subscription, would not meet the views of the Board or the pressing exigencies of the institution, they resolved at once to make an application to the consistory of the Collegiate Church in New-York for the requisite funds. In the judgment of the Committee, (a judgment afterwards confirmed by the estimates of an accomplished architect,) $40,000 would be requir

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"In the memorial of the students just referred to, the Faculty was also presented with a painful account of the perplexities and depressions which are unavoidable in the existing circumstances of the students. Even those who have undertaken to perform domestic offices for themselves, with all their vexatious and uncongenial toil, have not found the appropriations made them adequate to their support. Others are still more harassed by debt; and all are eager for the accommodations of a hall.

"In this connection it may not be improper to inform the Synod that the Faculty have obtained, by the generous aid of the consistory of the Collegiate Church of New-York, and of individuals of the same city, one especially, who is never weary of well-doing, means to furnish such substantial relief to the students as to enable them to close the present collegiate year without debt. Notwithstanding the extra assistance which some have received, it was found from the most exact and minute accounts which were rendered, that the sum necessary to afford this relief was but little short of $700.

"It may be thought that board might be afforded at a less rate than is at present demanded in New-Brunswick, and it may be so. But it is quite certain that those who keep boarders for the support of their families, must get from those boarders not only the means to furnish them with provisions, but also to furnish the same for themselves and families, together with what is required for rent, clothing, and every thing else necessary *to a decent*, comfortable living. Apply this to the case of sixty *or seventy students*, boarding in some ten or twelve houses, with co

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"1. A hall containing dormitories is of the utmost importance, as respects the expense of living, entirely irrespective of a refectory. In the college, while they have discarded a refectory, they are hastening to restore their dormitories as soon as possible. It is found that the providing of rooms, beds, and the necessary furniture for sleeping apartments, enhances the price of board in a much larger proportion than is generally imagined; and, consequently, board can be anywhere procured at very reduced prices, when nothing is required but the provisions of the table.

"2. In the Theological Seminary, although they have no refectory in the ordinary sense of that term, yet the meals of the students are, to a very great extent, taken in the Hall, and the system is decidedly approved. The Professor was distinctly asked whether, if the institution were without a hall, he would, with all his knowledge of its working, desire to have one erected? To which he gave a prompt and emphatic answer in the affirmative—he would desire it, on account of its favorable action on the punctuality of the students in attending the lectures and other exercises of the Seminary; and he would desire it because of its effect in diminishing the cost of their living, as while boarding in families would have cost them during the last year $3.50, (the same as in New-Brunswick,) they have obtained it in the Hall for $2.58, and that under a very ill-digested plan of conducting its operations.

"3. Authentic information received from the Union Seminary of New-York gives still more satisfactory results. In that institution, the students are provided with rooms for study, and apartments adjoining for sleeping, all without charge. The building also contains apartments for a boarding establishment, which some suitable person is permitted to occupy, free of rent, for the purpose of boarding at a low rate as many of the students as choose to avail themselves of the advantage. This has been the system from the beginning, (as the Committee are informed,) and while in all former years the rates have been less, this year only $2.00 have been charged, thus producing a saving of scarcely less than $2.00 to each student.

"Should a hall be erected in New-Brunswick and conducted like that in New-York, a full verification would be given of the calculation contained in another part of this statement, and there would be to the students a saving equal to the interest of $60,000 as the result of an investment of $25,000.

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Under these convictions the Committee offer, with earnest recommendations, the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the General Synod cordially approve the plan for erecting a Theological Hall, as set forth in the paper submitted to Synod by the Committee of the Board of Superintendents.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to present the views of the Synod respecting said plan to the consistory of the Church of New-York, and that they respectfully and anxiously, in the name of the Synod, solicit them to restore their most liberal grant of $25,000 to its original form, so that the plan which, from their encouragement, has been studied with so much pains and skill, may not be defeated, but carried to a successful issue.

Resolved, That the Synod appoint a Committee to procure the erection of a Theological Hall, should the aforesaid respected consistory again vote the principal of the sum granted, or if by other means,

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The report represents the Depository as well supplied with the Catechisms used in the Church, elementary books, Bible Questions, and Hymn-Books, also with libraries containing choice selections of books appropriate for the use of Sabbath-schools, and approved by the Committee appointed for that purpose. During the year the Board have made donations to public schools and missionary stations of books amounting to $261.20. 142 Bibles and 261 Testaments have also been furnished.

In consequence of a resolution adopted at the last meeting of General Synod, dissolving the connection between the Board of Managers of the Sunday-School Union of the Synod, and the American Sunday-School Union, it is necessary that the Constitution of the Board be amended. The Board, in their report, have submitted the following amendments for the approval of Synod, namely:

That the first article be amended so as to read thus: "The Board to be called The Board of Managers of the General Synod's Sabbath-School Union of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, shall consist of thirty-six managers, of whom one half at least, and not more than two thirds shall reside in the city of New-York, and the residue shall be appointed from the other parts of the Church."

Also, that the fourth article be amended to read as follows: "The powers of the Board over the several schools of the Union shall be advisory simply, and exercised in concert with the pastors and consistories. In connection with Bible questions, they shall endeavor to promote instruction in the schools in the principles of divine truth, as they are exhibited in the Catechisms and other standards adopted by the Synod of Dort and the Westminster Assembly. It shall besides be their duty to collect from the pastors and consistories information on the state of the several schools, which shall be embodied in an annual report to be presented to General Synod at their annual meetings."

Also, that the fifth article be so amended as to read: "The funds of this Union shall be raised by subscriptions, donations, and collections in the churches, and placed in the hands of a Treasurer appointed by the Board, to be used in sustaining the Sabbath-school interests of the Church."

They also suggest that the present sixth article of the Constitution be entirely stricken out, as the subject-matter of it is contained in one of the amended articles, and that the present seventh article be considered sixth.

Your Committee recommend that the above-mentioned amendments *be adopted.*

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fell short of accomplishing the work by the sum of $57.30, as will be seen in the annual report of the Board of Directors.

As the work has been well done, and at reasonable prices, your committee respectfully request an appropriation to meet the above deficiency.

S. A. VAN VRANKEN, } *Committee on the Library.*
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New-Brunswick, June 6, 1855.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, whose term of service had expired. Nominations were received from the Classes of Bergen, Hudson, Washington, Orange, Schoharie, and Geneva, which were confirmed. It was referred to the Committee on Nominations, to report double the number of persons from whom to choose members for those Classes who have not nominated. The Committee reported, and the election took place accordingly.

The following are the persons chosen to fill the vacancies in the Board of Superintendents: Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, Edwin Vedder, S. T. Searle, A. C. Millspaugh, C. E. Crispell, J. R. Van Arsdale, M. N. McLaren, D.D., Anthony Elmendorf, and Philip Phelps, Jr.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Professorate beg leave to submit the following as their report on the several documents and subjects which have been referred to them:

I. *Board of Direction.*—The Board of Direction report a favorable state of the interests connected with their administration.

1. The revenues of Synod have been punctually received and duly disbursed in meeting its liabilities, to which they have been merely adequate. The sum of six hundred and thirty-eight dollars and ninety-two cents ($638.92) have been expended on the Synod's property in New-Brunswick.

2. Notice is also given, in the report of the Board of Direction, of a deficit of fifty-seven dollars and thirty cents ($57.30) toward the expense of the library of Synod, accompanied by a request for an appropriation to that amount.

Your Committee recommend that this appropriation be granted.

3. The proposal of Mr. D. F. McFarland, of Brunswick, Ill., to purchase the church property belonging to Synod, has been submitted to arbitration. The result is not yet known.

4. There is at present a misunderstanding between the Board and Mr

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12. The case of Mr. Samuel I. Rodgers, presented by the Classis of Passaic, referred to the Committee, has been considered; and your Committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That Mr. Samuel I. Rodgers be included among the number of the beneficiaries, provided he comply with the requisitions of Synod in reference to the preliminary examinations.

A dispensation also is asked for in behalf of Mr. Schwick, by the Classis of Schenectady. Mr. Schwick, it appears, is deficient in a knowledge of the ancient languages; and it is upon this point that a dispensation is asked. While your Committee do not feel it to be right, in any of these cases, to withhold the recommendation asked for, they feel it is proper that the Synod should act with great caution and care in the whole matter.

13. The Classis of Schenectady also recommend Mr. Alonzo P. Peek to be aided in the prosecution of his studies from the funds of the Church. Your Committee recommend that he be referred to the Board of Superintendents, and that they be requested to consider his application.

The annual report of the Board of Superintendents attests the prosperity of our Theological School. At the date of their report it appears there were thirty students—an increase of five on the previous year.

Among other matters presented to the attention of the Synod by the Board, is the necessity of some provision being made to lessen the expense of the students by the erection of a Theological Hall, in which the system of boarding in common could be adopted, and the taking of measures to separate the Theological Library from that of the College. The first of these having been made the subject of a special report, and referred to the Committee on Education, the Committee on the Professorate leave it where the Synod has been pleased to place it.

In regard to the library, the Board of Superintendents have resolved that the General Synod be requested—1. To take measures to separate the Theological Library from that of the College. 2. To place this library under the charge and control of the Theological Faculty. 3. To empower the Faculty to appoint one of the students as an under librarian, at a salary of fifty dollars per year, to be paid from the funds of the Church. 4. To authorize the Faculty to raise money and expend the same for the improvement of the library, with directions to report its condition every year to the Superintendents.

Your Committee are not prepared to endorse this recommendation. From all that they can learn, and from facts within the knowledge of some of your Committee, there are great practical difficulties in the way of such a division. Books have been given, the donors of which intended that they should be alike for the benefit of the College and Seminary—given to the library, as it now exists, a bond of union between the two institutions. Your Committee, as the Synod are not prepared to discuss the subject, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the separation of the library of the College and Seminary be indefinitely postponed.

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The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Dutch Church was received, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The sermon in behalf of Foreign Missions was preached on the evening of the fifth day of the session, in the First Reformed Dutch Church, by Rev. Thomas E. Vermilyea, D.D., from 1 John 3 : 8, (last clause,) "*For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*"

The Committee on Domestic Missions reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Committee to whom was referred the Twenty-Third Annual Report on Domestic Missions have examined that report with great satisfaction. It is a carefully, well-prepared, interesting document, and should, as far as practicable, be distributed through all our churches. No thoughtful Christian can peruse it without feeling that, as a denomination, we have great reasons to "thank God and take courage." It places before us in detail the labors, the trials, and the successes of our Domestic Board. For the sake of brevity and perspicuity, we propose the following synoptical view of its contents:

What has been done?

What needs to be done?

First, What has been done? God in his providence has given a new impulse to the operations of this Board. There is more of a desire to occupy destitute places, erect churches, and secure the services of a faithful ministry for our own countrymen than has been manifest during former years. Great efforts have been made to arouse the Church to a sense of her duty, to lead her to pray, and give, and labor, with a liberality correspondent with her obligations. Through the efforts of our worthy Secretary, who has been in labors abundant, many of our communion have been made to feel that they were not showing as they should a practical love for Zion. His oral and written appeals, his rebukes, instruction, and entreaties, have kindled a new zeal in many a Christian heart. There is in our churches more of a missionary spirit—much more than was apparent at the close of the twenty-second year of this enterprise. Notwithstanding the severe pressure of the times, and the fact that less than usual has been secured to the Board through legacies this year than during former years, yet its receipts have been decidedly greater. The report shows that there has been an increase of liberality and effort. Your Committee feel that there is a dark side to the picture, yet while we would mourn over omissions and derelictions, we would thank God for the achievements of his grace. The dews that descend upon Zion are to be received with gratitude while we wait and pray for the plentiful shower. Those dews have descended, our ministry and churches *have felt* them, and begin to realize that, as a denomination, *we must lengthen our cords* and strengthen our stakes. Effort has been

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make, with the blessing of God, this new year of our missionary operations memorable in the annals of our history.

But there is yet much more that needs to be done. "The harvest is great, but the laborers are few." The Church is called upon by the providence of God to devote her sons to the ministry of reconciliation. Our beloved youth need to feel that the vows of God are upon them—that the Master has work for them to do—that to save souls is a greater privilege than to occupy positions of worldly honor and emolument. May Jehovah breathe his Spirit upon our colleges and seminaries of learning, and inspire our youth with that love for souls, that devotion to Christ, that zeal for the Church, that spirit of self-denial, and that holy emulation which shall supply the present demand for gospel workmen.

We need a great increase of Christian liberality. How can the people hear without a preacher? and how can the servants of Christ preach if they are not sent? Who goeth a warfare at any time upon his own charges? We commission and support the soldier to fight our battles, and shall the soldier of the cross contend for a greater achievement with no one to strengthen his hands and encourage his heart? The field is enlarging, the demand for means to support our missionary stations is constantly greater, and God be praised for the prospect that each successive year will call for more workmen and more contributions. The prayers of Zion are being answered; she is breaking out upon the right hand and the left; the morning cometh, and the Church must awake, refresh herself, and work. May He who who holds the hearts of all men in his hands, smite the rock, and cause it to throw forth a stream of benevolence that shall make glad the city of God.

We need more of the missionary spirit. Our churches are too prone to settle down in the enjoyment of their comfortable places of worship, and under the ministry of endeared pastors, while they forget the indigent and the destitute. There are congregations without sanctuaries, and they can not erect them. There are flocks without shepherds, and they have no means to secure them. If we who have the ability do not erect the one and support the other, they must remain without the means of grace, and thousands of them will die without the hope of glory. The Church must be made to feel that she is her brother's keeper, and that God holds her responsible for the occupation of uncultivated ground. Let us learn a lesson of wisdom from the husbandman when the products of the earth are in great demand and the price abundantly rewards the toil of the laborer: he sows plentifully, cultivates the corners of his fields more closely, and feels that land is too valuable to be unoccupied. And are not souls precious beyond all computation? Does not Christ love them? Are they not in great demand by Him who purchased them with blood? Then let us plow deep the furrows, work close the corners, and sow unsparingly the missionary field, that the Master may have an abundant harvest to the glory of his blessed name.

The churches need more light upon the subject of Domestic Missions. We who minister at the altar too often conclude that our congregations have all necessary information concerning the wants of our country and the efforts made by this Board to supply the destitute. But your Committee feel that light is needed, and that, in proportion to the knowled

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Resolved, That each Classis within the jurisdiction of this Synod be requested to appoint a Standing Committee on Domestic Missions.

A communication was referred to your Committee suggesting to General Synod the propriety of establishing a permanent Branch Agency for our several Boards in the city of Albany, in connection with the Synod of Albany. After a due consideration of this reference, your Committee beg leave to present the following resolution:

Resolved, That, under existing circumstances, the Synod regard such an arrangement impracticable.

All which is respectfully submitted. J. S. LORD, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Domestic Missions, whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen, namely: Rev. Gustavus Abeel, D.D., Isaac Ferris, D.D., Thomas M. Strong, D.D., Paul D. Van Cleef, Elbert S. Porter, and Messrs. Samuel B. Schieffelin, Mortimer De Motte, and Ellis S. Potter.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions of our Church, for the year just ended, which has been put into the hands of your Committee, and to which the attention of the Synod has been called, presents before us facts of interest and importance, which demand our thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church; and some, also, which are afflictive and well calculated to humble us before him.

Among the latter is the event of the death of the venerable and beloved Doctor Scudder—an event sad to the Church, sad to the mission with which he had so long been connected, and sad to his family, but unspeakably happy and glorious to him. From a life of laborious toil in the service of Christ, and of great usefulness to the world, he has gone to engage in the perfect service of the Saviour whom he so ardently loved —a service without weariness, weakness, or interruption. "Last fall," says the report of the Board, "his health was greatly impaired, and by medical advice he was led to seek its restoration by a sea voyage to the Cape of Good-Hope. The voyage and his residence at the Cape had the happiest effect in promoting his convalescence, so that he resumed ministerial labor, and inspired the deepest interest in his intercourse with the ministers and members of the Reformed Dutch churches, and of other churches, at the Cape and its vicinity. While on the eve of embarking to return to his beloved missionary work with the prospect of renewed activity, and just succeeding labors in the pulpit of an impressive an

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—that in Borneo—has been abandoned because none have been found to occupy it; remembering the number of our churches, and of young men of hopeful piety connected with them, who might have devoted themselves to this work, but who have preferred to engage in secular occupations; and remembering even the number who, during the progress of these years, have entered the ministry from our own School of the Prophets,—we find in the fact above stated a sufficient reason for deep humiliation before God. It proves conclusively that the spirit of missions—and this is none other than the spirit of Christ—is lamentably low in our Church.

We must here add, also, that the want of a true missionary spirit, and of a sufficient interest in this great work, is also clearly shown *by the small amount of contributions to this cause made during the past year.* From the report of the Treasurer of our Board it is seen that the whole amount given by all the churches of our denomination for Foreign Missionary purposes, is $11,541.32, being a falling off from the amount of the previous year of $1480.62. Who can contemplate this fact without shame and grief? Does it not prove that our Church, as a whole, has scarcely begun to awake to the greatness and the glory of the missionary enterprise? If the belief expressed by the honored Secretary of our Board, in the report now before us, be correct—as undoubtedly it is—"that the spirit of missions, rooted and extended through the churches, is the best index of their spiritual health,"—then, we would ask, what do the above facts indicate as to the present condition of the spiritual health of our churches? Are they not feeble, languishing, sick?

But while such is the aspect of the missionary enterprise, viewed in its connection with the churches at home, calling for humiliation and grief, we turn with joy and gratitude to another view. The state of things abroad demands praise to God. Among the facts which are cheering to the heart are:

1. *The formation by our brethren in India of the Classis of Arcot.* "Last year," says the report of our Board, "under the authority of the Particular Synod of New-York, the Classis of Arcot in Hindostan, consisting of Dr. Scudder and his three sons, ministers, and three native brethren, elders, was regularly constituted; when the sermon was preached by Dr. Scudder." We can not but rejoice that our brethren there have now an ecclesiastical organization of their own, and that the standards of the Reformed Dutch Church have been set up in the heart of Eastern India. Let us hope and pray that around it multitudes of the now degraded worshippers of Brahma may gather, delivered from their idolatries, converted to the faith of Christ, and prepared to do good service in extending the conquests of the Church. "Letters from the missionaries at Arcot speak of the encouraging prospects which are opening, and the preparation which has been gained for efficient missionary labor."

2. *The blessing of God upon the labors of the brethren at Amoy, in China,* furnishes occasion for gratitude and praise. The church which our brethren Doty and Talmage have here gathered, has been much increased within the last year. The Spirit of God has, in a marked degree, accompanied their labors, so that, from a letter just received by o

of the members of Synod, we learn the very cheering fact that sixty-nine members have been added to the church within the year immediately preceding the date of that letter. The work of God's Spirit has also been manifested in a number of the cities and villages around Amoy, and in places at some distance from that city.

3. *The consecration of themselves to the missionary work by three of the present members of our Theological Seminary*, is a highly gratifying fact, for which we should bless the great Head of the Church. It is peculiarly pleasing to state that two of this number are sons of the lamented Dr. Scudder, who are already under appointment by the American Board, and are expecting to join their three older brothers in India, in the course of the coming fall. May the mantle of the father rest upon each of the sons, and may they all be spared to witness the fruits of their labors, in connection with the labors of others, in the triumph of the gospel over the millions of Hindostan. The other individual who has given himself to this work is Mr. J. S. Jerolamon, who is expecting, when he goes out, to be united with the brethren at Amoy. They will welcome his arrival with great joy, as they are almost overwhelmed with the amount of labor necessarily imposed upon them in the present prosperous state of their mission.

Thus, in this rapid review of the present state of our Foreign Missionary operations, while we see ground of encouragement in the aspect of things abroad, we see also the necessity for greatly increased interest and activity in this cause at home. How shall this interest and activity be called forth? It can not be done by the mere annual presentation of a

are needed be furnished, but the Church herself will bud and blossom, and be fruitful as the garden of the Lord.

Your Committee would submit the following resolutions for adoption by the Synod, namely:

1. *Resolved*, That in view of the urgent demand existing for greatly increased means, in order to occupy, in the most efficient manner, the fields of usefulness already entered into by the A. B. C. F. M., and also to occupy new fields continually inviting their entrance, it be urged upon our churches largely to increase the amount of their contributions to the cause of Foreign Missions during the coming year.

2. *Resolved*, That the pastors and consistories be urgently requested to exert their influence upon our youth, in view of the demands which God is making upon them, to consecrate themselves to the missionary work.

3. *Resolved*, That the introduction of a copy of the *Journal of Missions* and the *Youth's Day Spring* into every family of our congregations, is an object worthy of the efforts of every pastor and consistory.

4. *Resolved*, That the Board of Publication be requested, as soon as the requisite means can be obtained, to publish, in one volume, the letters of the late Dr. Scudder, addressed to the youth of our churches, and which have appeared in the *Christian Intelligencer*.

Respectfully submitted. L. H. VAN DYCK, *Ch'n of Committee.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected, namely: Rev. Thomas De Witt, D.D., Jeremiah S. Lord, David D. Demarest, and Messrs. Charles Little and Abraham I. Beekman.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect individuals to preach the annual Missionary sermons, the Synod proceeded to the election, when Rev. George W. Bethune was chosen *primarius* to preach the sermon on the subject of Foreign Missions, and Rev. David D. Demarest *secundus;* Rev. Thomas De Witt was chosen *primarius* to preach the sermon on behalf of Domestic Missions, and Rev. Harvey D. Ganse *secundus.*

The following report was received from the Committee on the Plan of a Church-Building Fund, (p. 476.) The report was adopted, with the exception of the recommendation of the appointment of a new Committee, in relation to which it was

Resolved, That the same Committee be continued.

At the last meeting of the General Synod, held in the city of Hudson, the Committee on Missions proposed "a plan of a Church-Buildin Fund," which was adopted by the Synod, as will appear by reference

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one thousand dollars, without any very special effort. It would, therefore, not be too sanguine to expect that if all the congregations in our denomination should contribute in proportion as they have done, the result would be six thousand dollars. This in about four years would give the requisite amount. But your committee believe that if strenuous efforts were made, the whole sum ($25,000) might be raised within a year.

Other Churches are taking active measures in the same direction. The efficiency of our Missionary operations depends very much upon the aid to be rendered from this fund.

We would therefore recommend it to the Synod for a renewed expression of their confidence, and suggest the appointment of a new Committee, with the exception of Dr. Chambers, who is ardently zealous in the object, and also for the carrying out of the plan, that three persons be appointed for the southern, northern, and western portions of the Church, to visit the congregations in those districts, to present the plan and urge its importance, and take up collections; and that the Synod, through the Classes, arrange for supplying the pulpits of such visitors, should it be necessary. Such persons not to be denominated agents but messengers of the Synod to the churches. It may also be worthy of the consideration of the Synod, whether the fund might not be rendered available before the whole amount of $25,000 is obtained. With these suggestions we leave the subject in the hands of the Synod.

On behalf of the Committee, G. ABEEL.

Resolved, That the Classis of Arcot, in India, be authorized to represent themselves annually in this General Synod by letter.

The Committee on Domestic Missions presented the following supplemental report, which was accepted, and the consideration of it postponed to the adjourned session of the Synod in October next.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Domestic Missions, setting forth weighty reasons for the raising of a Sustentation Fund, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Synod shall direct the raising of a fund, to be called a Sustentation Fund, the interest of which shall be applied for the relief of disabled clergymen, and the families of deceased clergymen, when such need aid.

Resolved, That four ministers and two elders shall be chosen by this Synod as a Committee, to whose care this fund shall be intrusted. One half of this Committee shall be elected annually.

Resolved, That each Classis under the jurisdiction of this Synod be requested to appoint two ministers and one elder, whose duty it shall be to solicit benefactions from individuals, and annual collections from all the churches within their bounds.

Resolved, That in order to receive aid from this fund, an application must be accompanied with a recommendation from the Classis within whose bounds the applicant resides.

Resolved, That the Committee to be appointed by Synod shall deter-

mine the amount of appropriations, and make such rules with regard to the fund as they may deem best, subject to the revision of Synod.

Resolved, That a circular be addressed to each church under the care of Synod, requesting it to make an annual collection for this fund.

Resolved, That each Classis shall add a lemma on this subject.

J. S. LORD, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIX.

WIDOWS' FUND.

Copies of the Tract on the "History, Endowment, and Claims of the Widows' Fund," issued by the Board of Publication, were presented and referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund.

The Committee on the Widows' Fund reported, and their report was accepted; and the further consideration was postponed to the adjourned session of the Synod in October. The report is as follows:

The Committee on the Widows' Fund respectfully report: That they have examined the documents furnished by the Treasurer, and find that the fund amounts at present to $13,741.93, of which the sum of $12,750 is invested on bond and mortgage, and the balance, $991.93 is in the hands of the Treasurer.

The income for the past year, including subscriptions and interest on

income of the Sustentation Fund shall be paid annually into the treasury of the Widows' Fund; and that the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund shall be authorized to place, from time to time, as many annuitants upon the Widows' Fund, as, in accordance with the regulations of said fund, shall be entitled to its benefit by the amount annually paid by the Sustentation Fund.

ARTICLE XX.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The First Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received, read, and referred, together with the Treasurer's report accompanying the same, to the Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication reported, and their report was accepted, *unanimously* adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Publication respectfully present the following report:

The elaborate character of the first Annual Report of the Board of Publication, the importance of its statements, and of the work done and projected, and the necessity of settling principles and plans upon which its whole future depends, demand the Synod's most careful consideration. Upon all these points, the report is so full and clear, that the Committee have little to add either to its reasonings or recommendations, inasmuch as the document is already printed, and in the hands of the members of Synod, challenging their scrutiny and asking their indorsement.

From the date of its organization, the Board entered actively upon the work assigned it by the unanimous vote of the last General Synod. The successful prosecution of plans so enlarged in a field so new, where all the machinery was to be constructed and tried, evinces an earnestness and effectiveness, on the part of this youngest born of our system of auxiliary institutions, which we trust will secure the confidence of the Synod and of the Church. The arrangements made with the Presbyterian Board of Publication, exhibit a spirit of cordial and generous co-operation, which we doubt not will be fully reciprocated throughout our whole denomination. To their experience and valuable suggestions, as well as to the unusual facilities granted by them for interchange of publications, and to the truly fraternal feeling which has marked all their negotiations, this Board owes its most practical arrangements and its happiest prospects. Long may it continue a bright link in that strong chain which so closely binds these two ancient branches of the great Presbyterian household of faith.

Without repeating the reasons assigned by the Board for the selection of the Superintendent or Publishing Agent, and of the location for the Depository, your Committee will only add that they seem to them to be entirely justified by abstract reasoning on the subject, by the experience of similar institutions, and by the actual results in this case, although it is of so recent date.

The propriety and advantage of these arrangements can not be dis-

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The following resolutions are th adoption.

Resolved, That this Synod rejoi larged effort displayed by the Boar Report of their proceedings, plans, a

Resolved, That we approve the a ment of a Superintendent or Publis a location for the Depository, as well as stated in their report.

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The other works already issued a press, commend themselves to the be the Christian public. Attention is c trate the history, biography, and th nomination. Should these efforts o the annals of our neglected history, precious institutions ...

extent, we must live in the light of the past. Let our ministers and others then gather up the historical and biographical fragments, and place them at the disposal of the Board, where they may be properly registered and preserved, and the whole Church will reap the benefit.

As it is this department of our literature that is most deficient, the Committee respectfully suggest the importance of continuing and enlarging effort in this direction. Practical religious works may for the present be mostly supplied from other sources—while it is our interest and duty to supply those denominational books which are just now most needed, and can well be furnished with the means we have. We say this, not in disparagement of the excellent practical works of the Board already published, and which we trust they will be enabled greatly to increase in the future. But there is a demand large and growing in all parts of the Church for manuals, tracts, and books for the widest circulation, both among our established congregations, and in new fields, which will tell whence and what we are as a Church, furnish light, remove prejudices, and strengthen our position among the evangelical denominations of the land.

Special attention is also called to the Lectures on Pastoral Theology, by the late venerable Professor Cannon. As it is a work of permanent value, and the only one expressly prepared with a view to the exigencies of the American Churches, it is ardently to be hoped that a suitable arrangement may be made for the purchase of the plates by the Board, from the liberal proprietor, to whose zeal for our Church, as well as reverence for the honored author, we owe the prompt publication of this stately and standard volume.

The plan of a system of colportage proposed by the Board, is one of the most important features of the report now under review. Based upon the most approved plans already in use, limited by ecclesiastical restraints, which will prevent its interference with the rights and duties of the established ministry, and commended by the long experience of others, your Committee present the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby approve the plan for colportage which is presented by the Board of Publication, and that the Board be directed to carry it into execution at as early a day as their means may permit.

Resolved, That the Classes be directed to appoint a Standing Committee, to be called "Committee on Colportage," whose business it shall be to seek out as many laborers as may be deemed necessary within their bounds, to be recommended to the Board for appointment, to transmit such recommendation, together with that of the pastor of the church to which such applicant or applicants may belong, to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board; to make arrangements for church collections for the colportage fund of the Board; and to have a general supervision over the colporteurs of the Board laboring within their bounds.

Resolved, That this system of colportage which, with the distribution of our own publications, includes those of the American Tract Society, be and hereby is earnestly recommended to the specific Christian liberality of all in our denomination who desire to promote the cause of evangelical piety, and of our own distinctive theology, history, and characteristics.

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we recommend that Article V. of the Constitution of the Board be altered so as to read as follows:

"For the more permanent and efficient management of the publishing and fiscal affairs of the Board, the necessary steps shall be taken by the Board to secure an act of incorporation under the style and title of 'The Board of Publication of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in North America.'"

The reasons assigned for this request are so weighty, that we doubt not they will receive the prompt and favorable response of the Synod, if it is desirable that the Board shall continue its work with vigor and permanency.

A reference from the Sabbath-School Board has been placed in the hands of your Committee, asking the Synod to define the question of publication, raised by them between that Board and the Board of Publication. Reciprocating entirely the expressions of the report of the Sabbath-School Board, as to the desirableness of harmonious action between these two agencies of the Church, your Committee have carefully examined the Synodical action in the premises with the following result:

The Constitution of the Board of Publication expressly gives to them "the care and superintendence of the publication and circulation *of all the religious works* which are designed for general diffusion among the churches under the care of the General Synod."

We therefore recommend the following:

1. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Synod that all the publishing operations of the Church are vested in the Board of Publication.

2. *Resolved*, That the following resolution, Vol. 7, p. 179 of the Minutes of General Synod, be and hereby is rescinded, namely: "*Resolved*, That the Synod's Board of Sabbath-School Union be authorized to stereotype any books which they have thoroughly examined, and which they regard as sound in doctrine, for which benevolent individuals may furnish the means, and which can be published without expense to the Board."

3. *Resolved*, That the resolution of Vol. 5, p. 394, be reäffirmed, namely: "*Resolved*, That the Board of Managers of the S. S. Union have permission to print and publish with the imprimatur of a special committee, therefor appointed by the Board, the Catechisms of the Church, Bible Questions, a Spelling-Book and Primer, and the expenses to be defrayed from their own funds."

4. *Resolved*, That the Board of Publication be directed to publish all works which may be prepared for the press by the General Synod's Sabbath-School Board, and to place on the title-page the fact of such preparation.

5. *Resolved*, That the expense of publishing by the Board of Publication, the works designated in the Resolution of Synod, (see Minutes, Vol. 5, p. 394,) namely: "The Catechisms of the Church, Bible Questions, a Spelling-Book and Primer," for the Sabbath-School Board, be met from the treasury of the Sabbath-School Board, and that they be directed to furnish all these works to the Board of Publication, when needed by them, *at cost.*

6. *Resolved*, That the expense of publishing all other works for the

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In behalf of the Committee, WILLIAM J. R. TAYLOR, *Ch'n.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Publication, whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen, namely: Rev. George W. Bethune, D.D., Isaac Ferris, D.D., Gustavus Abeel, D.D., William J. R. Taylor, Samuel M. Woodbridge, and Messrs. Jeromus J. Johnson, John H. Brower, and Theodorus J. Polhemus, Jr.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

Whereas, the tidings have reached us that it has pleased God to remove from among us the spirit of our beloved friend and father, the Rev. Dr. Brodhead,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the sense of Synod with regard to this solemn dispensation of Providence, and of the deep and affectionate respect they entertain for his memory.

The Rev. George W. Bethune, Cornelius Van Cleef, and the Elder Abraham Van Nest were appointed the Committee contemplated in the above resolution.

The Committee reported, and the report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute in reference to the death of the Rev. Dr. Brodhead beg leave to present the following:

The Synod have heard with profound emotion that our beloved and venerated father, the Rev. Jacob Brodhead, D.D., has ceased from his labors and entered into rest. Therefore

Resolved, That we humbly recognize the hand of a faithful God in this solemn dispensation, and bow submissively to the will of Him who gave and hath taken away.

Resolved, That we declare our devout thankfulness for the blessings vouchsafed to the Church in the devoted and most faithful ministry of His eminent servant, who during so long a period has filled a foremost place in the duties of the sacred office, and has now been taken up like shock of corn fully ripe.

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of New-York, they received the Classis of Wisconsin, but omitted to appoint delegates therefrom to this Synod, and a certified copy of the act of the said Classis nominating delegates having been presented, it was

Resolved, That the Elder Garrit Brand, one of the persons thus appointed, now present, be enrolled as a member of this Synod.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted at the last General Synod, directing the several Boards of the Church to present printed annual reports, be rescinded.

Synod having heard with regret that the Rev. Dr. Strong, the Stated Clerk of the Synod, had been suddenly taken ill, and therefore unable to return at present to his duties, it was

Resolved, That Rev. Thos. C. Strong be requested to discharge the duties of Stated Clerk during the remainder of this session, or to assist the Rev. Dr. Strong in those duties, should he return to the Synod.

An invitation was received from Mr. John Clark, Principal of the New-Brunswick Public School, to visit said school.

Resolved, That the Synod will take pleasure in accepting the above invitation on Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

A delegation from a State Temperance Convention now in session in New-Brunswick, appeared in Synod, and invited them to attend said convention for the purpose of hearing an address to be delivered before them by the Hon. President Frelinghuysen, whereupon it was

Resolved, That while this Synod sympathize in the objects of the Temperance Society, and wish it all success, the urgency of its business forbids the pleasure of accepting its invitation.

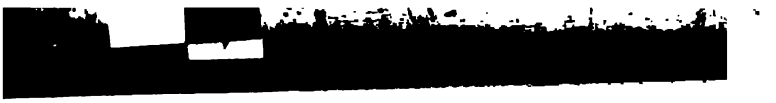
Resolved, That the expenses of the deputation of this Synod to the funeral of the late Dr. Broadhead be paid.

The Rev. James M. Compton, John Dubois, and Elder Jacob Brinkerhoff were appointed a Committee of Canvass, to whom the ballots cast for filling vacancies in the several Boards of the Synod, for Corresponding Delegates, and for persons to preach the missionary sermons, were committed, who reported the result of the election.

Whereas, the business of this Synod has so greatly increased as to render the duties of the Stated Clerk exceedingly oppressive,

Resolved, That a new officer be elected, to be called the Permanent Clerk, whose duty it shall be to assist the Stated Clerk, and that the division of labor be arranged between the two officers; and that his necessary expenses, when in attendance upon the meetings of General Synod, be paid.

The Rev. Thos. C. Strong was elected such Permanent Clerk.



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